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### [Fast & Accurate: Homegrown COVID-19 Antibody Test](#)

“When it comes to our immune system’s ability to fight things long-term, the antibodies are key,” stated **Ashley Frazer-Abel**, assistant professor from University of Colorado School of Medicine at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.



“One of the things that makes it special is that we’re testing for two different proteins on the virus,” explained **Brian Harry**, a pathologist from University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*KXAS-TV (Fort Worth, Texas), Sept. 9, 2020*



### [Communities of Color, Hit Hard by Coronavirus, Step In To Fill The Gaps In The Government’s Response](#)

In April, **Abbey Lara** [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] worked her first shift treating pulmonary and critical care patients in the COVID-19 section of the ICU ward at University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. She counted 16 patients: two African American patients, one Filipino patient and 13 Latino patients. “It was incredibly striking,” said Lara, the daughter of migrants from Mexico.



At Denver Health, a large safety-net hospital that has treated many COVID-19 patients, **Cory Hussain** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] is also thinking about how to get people of color to see doctors more frequently, to try and control pre-existing conditions and maybe avoid the worst of diseases like COVID-19.

*CPR News, Sept. 10, 2020*



### [It's Not Easy to Get a Coronavirus Test for a Child](#)

"There is no good reason not to do it in kids," said **Sean O'Leary**, a Colorado pediatrician [and professor at CU School of Medicine] who sits on the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on infectious diseases. "It's a matter of people not being comfortable with doing it."

*The New York Times, Sept. 8, 2020*



### [Q&A: Can the coronavirus trigger type 1 diabetes in kids?](#)

Diabetes treatment centers saw a surge in type 1 diabetes patients that may correlate with the coronavirus pandemic. That's according to **Brigitte Frohnert**, associate professor at the [Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes](#) at University of Colorado Anschutz.

*9News, Sept. 9, 2020*



### [Colorado Could Soon Have 5 Different Color-Coded Levels Of COVID-19 Protection](#)

"I think it's actually a really clever way of doing this in a way that makes sense," said **Michelle Barron**, infectious disease specialist at UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, Sept. 3, 2020*



### [New CU Anschutz student collective advocating for Black people on campus and in the medical field](#)

**Candace Cephers**, co-chairperson of the organization, said the group originated off of White Coats for Black Lives, a national organization of medical students campaigning to dismantle racism in the medical field.



"We all just came together because community was crucial for us at this time," said Co-chairperson **Oluwatosin Adebisi**, who noted that in her graduating class of 186, there are only 11 Black students, less than 6%.

*Aurora Sentinel, Sept. 4, 2020*



### [Front Range air quality worsens, making breathing difficult](#)

“The particulate matter is an irritant and increases mucus production in the lungs and causes increased inflammation in the airways ... so this is a really potent trigger for many people, unfortunately, to worsen their breathing,” **Jeffrey Sippel** said, a pulmonologist at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and associate professor of clinical practice of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, Sept. 7, 2020*



### [Researchers: Colon cancer rates are rising in young adults](#)

“This highlights that people under the age of 45 are being missed and people are still dying of that cancer under the age of 45,” said Denver Health Gastroenterologist **Alvaro Martinez-Camacho** [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Channel 7, Sept. 4, 2020*



### [Sibling Study Reveals Impact of Heavy Cannabis Use on Memory](#)

Interview with **Jarrod Ellingson**, assistant professor of psychiatry at CU Anschutz Medical Campus: “These findings suggest that moderate to heavy cannabis use (7-9 days per month in this sample) affects memory functioning, and those effects could not be explained by risk factors shared by siblings.”

*MedicalResearch.com, Sept. 4, 2020*

### [Moderate Cannabis Use Has Adverse Effects on Cognitive Functioning, Study Suggests](#)

“We wanted to expand our understanding of whether cannabis use is related to lower cognitive functioning,” said study lead author **Jarrod Ellingson**, a researcher in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado.

*Sci-News, Sept. 7, 2020*



### [Cardiologist expects a busy week with Colorado’s dramatic drop in temperature](#)

The dramatic temperature drop Colorado experienced Tuesday could keep cardiologists on their toes. “We’re expecting a busy week,” said **Prateeti Khazanie**, a cardiologist with UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “The temperature went from about 101 degrees on

Saturday over Labor Day weekend to 35 degrees today. So, we are looking out for our patients.”

*9News, Sept. 8, 2020*



### [This is what happens when our minds are faced with a split-second decision](#)

“We wanted to know how this kind of decision making takes place,” says senior study author **Diego Restrepo**, professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in a [release](#). “How, for example, do you decide to swing or not swing at a fastball in baseball?”

*Ladders, Sept. 9, 2020*



### [‘I’m a Urologist, and Seltzer Isn’t Doing Your Bladder Any Favors’](#)

And according to **Austin DeRosa**, a urologist and urologic oncologist with UHealth Cancer Center-Highlands Ranch in Colorado [and senior instructor of surgery for CU School of Medicine], the same goes for alcohol, spicy and/or acidic foods, and even chocolate.

*Well + Good, Sept. 4, 2020*



### [Boy bitten by rattlesnake recovers using telehealth](#)

Mavrick is now back home, and following up with **Katie Wiggins** for occupational therapy sessions using telehealth. He is still working on his thumb and index finger movement. Wiggins is a pediatric surgeon at Children’s Hospital [and assistant professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine], who said rattlesnake bites do not happen too often in Colorado, but they do occur from time to time.

*KOAA (Colorado Springs), Sept. 3, 2020*



### [Pandemic Unleashes ‘Startling’ Rise in Dog Bites](#)

“It is well known that the number of dog bites tends to increase during the spring and summer months,” said **Cinnamon Dixon**, an attending physician at the hospital [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “However, this year’s rates of emergency department visits due to dog bites have been startling.”

*U.S. News & World Report, Sept. 9, 2020*



### [Former Denver Broncos Tyler Polumbus Honors Mother By Raising Money To Battle Ovarian Cancer](#)

**Jill Aldredge**, an Assistant Professor, Gynecologic Oncologist at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and UCHHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital Cancer Center, is happy Tyler is raising awareness too. Especially, since it is tough to recognize the symptoms of ovarian cancer.

*CBS4, Sept. 7, 2020*



### [Asthma May Not Boost Odds of Severe COVID-19](#)

“A lot of people with asthma think they have a predisposition to severe COVID, and they worry a lot about going out. They should take precautions like using their masks, but they may not need to worry so much,” said study author **Fernando Holguin**. He’s director of the Asthma Clinical and Research Program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*U.S. News & World Report, Sept. 4, 2020*



### [ACLU pressures Polis to release more inmates at risk for COVID-19](#)

Inmates are at higher risk than the general population for catching and dying from COVID-19, according to **Carlos Franco-Paredes**, an associate professor of medicine and infectious disease at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Colorado Springs Independent, Sept. 9, 2020*



### [Children’s Hospital Colorado has a few tips for kids wearing masks](#)

“Kids like to fidget, like to play with the things so that can be a challenge. But like with all things, kids can be trained, kids just need practice to be able to wear a mask appropriately, and so we just need to have a little patience, have kids practice at home,” said Children’s Colorado Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist, **Sam Dominguez** [professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

*Wyoming News Now, Sept. 3, 2020*



### [Bringin' it Backwards: Interview with Splitstep](#)

At its core, Splitstep is guitarist/singer/songwriter **Matt Golub** and drummer Daniel Carrillo.... When he is not writing and recording, Matt is a medical student at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

*American Songwriter, Sept. 5, 2020*