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### [Colorado Researcher Offers Answers For Those With Vaccine Hesitancies](#)

“It in no way cut corners, it in no way decreased our ability to evaluate safety,” **Thomas Campbell**, the chief clinical research officer at UHealth and the associate dean for clinical research at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “There was just overwhelming community support for these trials, such that there were many more people that came to us asking to join the trials than we had the capacity to enroll.”

*CBS4, April 5, 2021*



### [What is and isn't allowed in Colorado when it comes to compelling people to get a coronavirus vaccine](#)

**Heather Young**, an infectious disease specialist with Denver Health and leader of an internal committee on infection protocols, said a lot of employees have been asking if the vaccine will become mandatory. The first response from Denver Health managers, Young [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] said, is a “no” based on the FDA’s emergency authorization status.

*Colorado Sun, April 6, 2021*



### [Early data shows vaccine could help some COVID-19 ‘long haulers’](#)

“All of this is very preliminary. It’s promising for sure, and it does give us potential insight into mechanisms that could be contributing to the symptoms in the first place and methods we may use to try to treat it,” said **Bill Cornwell**, cardiologist at University of Colorado Hospital [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, April 4, 2021*



### [New COVID-19 safety guidelines in place for fans at Coors Field](#)

**Michelle Barron**, Infectious Disease Specialist with UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]: “I’m concerned about big crowds without control measures, so certainly there are sporting events happening and opening up. But those are controlled conditions where people are masking and distancing and in small groupings, as opposed to what we saw in some other states where we saw just masses of people in close proximity.”

*Fox31, April 1, 2021*

### [Coloradans Urged To Maintain COVID Safety Measures Ahead Of All-Star Game](#)

“I think it’s something we should be aiming for and I think there are ways we could potentially try to get to that point,” said **Michelle Barron** the Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention at UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, April 6, 2021*

### [CDC Announces New COVID-19 Guidance For Gatherings, Travel Ahead Of Easter Sunday](#)

“We can see the finish line, but we’re still two miles away,” said UCHHealth Director of Infection Prevention, **Michelle Barron**. “When we talk about people being vaccinated, I think you need to understand where they are in the vaccine series.”

*CBS4, April 2, 2021*

### [Face masks no longer required outside in 5 metro Denver counties](#)

Is it too soon to be lifting these orders? 9NEWS asked the Jefferson County Health Department, Tri-County Health Department Director John Douglas and UCHHealth Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention **Michelle Barron** to answer that question

*9News, April 7, 2021*

### [‘A race between the vaccines and the variants’](#)

“It’s obviously an incredible exciting time,” said **Michelle Barron**, the senior medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHHealth. But she stressed: “Though you do have some level of protection after your first shot, you’re not considered fully vaccinated until you’ve had both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or a

single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine” against the coronavirus.

*Telluride Daily Planet, April 2, 2021*



### [Younger Coloradans Testing Positive For COVID While Hospitalizations Hold Steady](#)

“The number of cases that are positive are skewing younger for a lot of reasons including vaccinations and also people in the older or more at-risk group have certainly learned to live with this for a year and have certainly learned that masking works, physical distancing works,” said UHealth’s chief of emergency medicine and chief innovation officer, **Richard Zane**.

*CBS4, April 5, 2021*

### [Colorado’s COVID-19 cases are rising again, but hospitalization trajectory still unclear](#)

UHealth has seen the number of 20- to 30-year-olds seeking treatment for COVID-19 at a hospital or outpatient facility double since March. Overall hospitalizations have remained steady at the health system, but there are more younger people hospitalized than there were a year ago, said **Richard Zane**, chief innovation officer at UHealth.

*Denver Post, April 6, 2021*



### [Your Healthy Family: Data Shows COVID-19 Vaccine Effective in Adolescents](#)

**Sara Saporta-Keating**, an infectious disease specialist with Children’s Hospital Colorado [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], ...says, “In the group that got the placebo there were some kids who actually got COVID-19 and in the group who got the vaccine, none of them contracted COVID-19. Looking at those two groups together they were able to see 100% efficacy of the vaccine in that particular age group.”

*KOAA (Pueblo), April 6, 2021*



### [People who got first vaccine dose away from home look for providers for second shot](#)

**Richard Zane**, with UCHealth, said this could be for a myriad of reasons. “We’ve had people moved to Colorado but got their first dose someplace else and want to have their second dose,” said Zane. “Or, people got an appointment in Pueblo and La Junta, went there for their first dose, don’t want to travel back there for their second dose.”

*9News, April 7, 2021*

### [The COVID-19 vaccine trial process was one of the fastest and most innovative, here’s why](#)

“The very thought that we could possibly have a vaccine that’s effective in a year is scientifically miraculous,” said **Richard Zane**, chief innovation officer at UCHealth.

*Channel 7, April 7, 2021*



### [Aurora ICE Detainees to Receive COVID Vaccine Next Week](#)

During an October 2020 press conference, **Carlos Franco-Paredes**, an infectious-disease doctor associated with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, said that ICE leadership should release as many detainees as possible, especially ones that were medically vulnerable, because of the dangers of catching the virus. “There’s not really any other way to protect them,” Franco-Paredes said.

*Westword, April 3, 2021*



### [If Colorado has a fourth COVID wave, it will look different than the first three](#)

**Michelle Barron**, an expert with UCHealth [and CU School of Medicine], says Colorado’s in a race between vaccines and a fourth wave. Either way, a fourth wave will look different.

*9News, April 5, 2021*



### [Colorado health officials explore idea of vaccine passports as more and more residents are inoculated](#)

There are more than a dozen passport initiatives underway, according to The Washington Post, which creates an issue of coordination. “One problem we may bump into pretty quick here is if there are competing private sector initiatives and they have different levels of privacy protection, different levels of accessibility, different levels of opt-out,” said **Matthew Wynia**, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Denver Post, April 4, 2021*



### ['All Kinds Of Trauma': Students Are Returning To School, But Are We Ready To Help Them Cope?](#)

“That’s the first wave of what’s happening,” said **Jason Williams**, a psychologist and director of operations of the Pediatric Mental Health Institute at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate adjunct professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. “Kids are reporting more social isolation, more feeling depressed, and disconnected from their peers and their support systems.”

*CPR News, April 5, 2021*



### [Finding cancer care during COVID](#)

McCumber’s physician, **Radhika Acharya-Leon**, section chief for medical oncology at UHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said had McCumber not been persistent in finding a place to do the biopsy and move treatment forward, she would likely have not made it through the year.

*Douglas County News-Press, April 6, 2021*



### [Boulder County ophthalmologist keeps focus on patients, despite challenges of pandemic](#)

For more than a year, **Marilyn Dougherty** has donned goggles, a face shield and gloves to prepare for each new day as an ophthalmologist during the global coronavirus pandemic. . . . Dougherty is an ophthalmologist with UHealth Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Eye Center in Boulder, where she has worked for almost 10 years, [and senior instructor of ophthalmology at CU School of Medicine].

*Longmont Times-Call, April 6, 2021*



### [I recently recovered from COVID-19, and I still suffer from fatigue and muscle aches. Is it OK for me to resume my daily moderate wine intake?](#)

“One of the key side effects of alcohol intake is fatigue, and if you are still experiencing fatigue or other side effects after COVID-19, you may want to abstain from alcohol intake until you are fully recovered,” said **Anuj Mehta**, a Denver-based pulmonologist at National Jewish Health [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] and chair of Colorado's task force for the vaccine.

*Wine Spectator, April 1, 2021*



### [Researcher studying role of gut microbiome on osteoarthritis gets \\$3M grant](#)

A researcher at the University of Colorado received a [\\$3 million grant](#) from the National Institutes of Health to explore the link between the gut microbiome and osteoarthritis. **Michael Zuscik** will lead a team of researchers from CU and Aurora, Colo.-based Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center to study how a dysbiotic, or imbalanced, gut microbiome causes osteoarthritis, according to an April 2 news release.

*Becker's Spine Review, April 5, 2021*



### [To defeat a foe like Parkinson's, we must expose its secrets](#)

This was a wake-up call to yet another possible nefarious side-effect of the virus. In a commentary examining the findings, Van Andel Institute's Patrik Brundin, along with Avindra Nath of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and **J. David Beckham** of University of Colorado, said the cases suggest that COVID-19 may be part of a “perfect storm” for Parkinson's disease.

*Grand Rapids Business Journal, April 2, 2021*



### [What Experts Are Learning About Sotatercept for PAH](#)

In an interview with *HCPLive* this week, **David Badesch**, of the Divisions of Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Care Medicine and Cardiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, discussed the novel mechanisms and makeup of sotatercept, a drug originally developed for anemia-associated care.

*HCPLive, April 2, 2021*



### [Rural health is in crisis – 5 creative ways the Biden administration can help it thrive](#)

Article by **Lauren Hughes**, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and colleague: “Rural hospitals have struggled with financial troubles for years. Over the past decade, more than 130 have closed, forcing residents to drive farther or delay needed care. Now, the COVID-19 pandemic has many of them wondering whether rural health care systems will survive.”

*East Oregonian, April 2, 2021*