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[A Blip, Not A Surge: How Colorado Dodged A Holiday Coronavirus Tsunami](#)

For weeks, **Abbey Lara** has been watching COVID-19 patients in the intensive care beds in her Aurora hospital, wondering when the next crush of the extremely sick would arrive. “I’m pleased to say we are not seeing the huge surge I think we were all somewhat anticipating,” said Lara, who treats pulmonary and critical care patients in the COVID-19 section of the ICU ward at University of Colorado Hospital, one of the state’s biggest and busiest.



The arrival of vaccines should now give people hope, but they’ll need to keep their guard up, said **Sunita Sharma**, a pulmonary and critical care medicine physician at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “I think there is definitely light at the end of the tunnel,” she said. “I just don’t want people to give up that level of vigilance, because I think that’s what’s keeping our numbers in check right now.”

CPR News, Jan. 19, 2021



[Online sign-ups complicate vaccine rollout for older people](#)

Jean Kutner, chief medical officer of UCHHealth University at Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said she’s volunteering at a clinic hosted by a church that brings in the vaccine and helps build trust between health care workers and residents. For now, UCHHealth schedules appointments online, but Kutner said a COVID-19 hotline is in the works because of the volume of calls from seniors.

Fox23 (Tulsa, Okla.), Jan. 15, 2021



[Lyft and Uber want to take you to your vaccination appointment](#)

“We cannot leave any part of society behind,” **Richard Zane**, professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, told NBC News in a phone call.

NBC News, Jan. 15, 2021



[Colorado orders hospitals to use second doses of COVID-19 vaccine now](#)

Monday’s letter is the first guidance from the state on how to manage second doses. **Simon Hambidge**, chief ambulatory officer at Denver Health [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said Friday that hospital systems were having to decide whether to hold back second shots themselves, because the state hadn’t laid out a plan.

Denver Post, Jan. 18, 2021



[Experts debate the effectiveness of a single dose versus a double dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#)

“That is what has been proposed in the United Kingdom,” said **Thomas Campbell**, chief clinical research officer for UCHHealth. Let’s start there. Yes, the U.K., for example, is now suggesting a second dose at the end of 12 weeks. But Dr. Campbell points out that’s the AstraZeneca vaccine, which is different from what’s approved in the U.S.

Channel 7, Jan. 15, 2021

[Gov. Polis assures second doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be available on schedule](#)

Thomas Campbell, chief clinical research officer at UCHHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said he encourages people to get the second dose of the vaccine as soon as it’s available to them. Campbell said there’s very little information on the efficacy for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines if only a single dose is given.

9News, Jan. 19, 2021



[How Long After a COVID Diagnosis Should I Get Vaccinated? Neurovirologists Address This and Other Uncharted Scenarios on the COVID Vaccine](#)

“At a minimum, infected individuals should wait until they are asymptomatic and have completed their quarantine/isolation period for approximately 14 days,” advised **Kenneth L. Tyler**, the Louise Baum endowed chair of neurology at University of Colorado School of School of Medicine.

Neurology Today, Jan. 16, 2021



[Pasadena Library’s STEAM Program Illustrates the Strength of Soap Against Viruses](#)

Daniel Pastula, a neuro-infectious disease expert at UHealth, the University of Colorado’s non-profit health care system, [and associate professor of neurology for CU School of Medicine], says soap – even the cheap generic kind – actually works better than hand sanitizer to remove the coronavirus.

Pasadena Now, Jan. 16, 2021



[COVID-19 propels health care into virtual future](#)

“Pre-COVID, we were interested in making telehealth part of our five-year plan,” said **Christopher Davis**, UHealth emergency medicine physician and medical director of virtual health [and associate professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “That was critical when COVID hit in March, because we had infrastructure in place that we could rapidly scale rather than building from scratch.”

Colorado Springs Business Journal, Jan. 15, 2021



[‘Probably All Of These Cases Have To Do With Mental Health.’ Says Researcher Analyzing Colorado’s Extreme Risk Law](#)

Researchers with the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus are in the process of analyzing court documents to better understand how the law has been used or misused. ...“I think we’re seeing that it’s used for a mix of circumstances and often within an individual, there’s both threats to themselves and to other people,” said **Emmy Betz**, the lead researcher.

KUNC, Jan. 20, 2021



[State still grappling with fake unemployment claims; tax season presents new headaches for victims](#)

It's a pervasive problem in Colorado. Scammers seem to be taking advantage of the COVID-19 crisis by filing fake unemployment claims using stolen identities. And now, those fraudsters are creating even more headaches as victims try to file their 2020 tax returns. It happened to **Corey Lyon**, a family physician with the University of Colorado School of Medicine. First came the notice from his employer.

Channel 7, Jan. 18, 2021



[Dr. Jason Dragoo operates on Nuggets' Greg Whittington](#)

Jason Dragoo performed a knee arthroscopy on Denver Nuggets forward Greg Whittington, the team reported Jan. 19. Mr. Whittington was on a two-way contract with the team.... Dragoo performed the procedure at the UHealth Inverness Orthopedics and Spine Surgery Center in Englewood, Colo. Dragoo is an orthopedic surgeon at University of Colorado Medicine. He primarily practices out of the UHealth Steadman Hawkins Clinic Denver in Englewood.

Becker's Spine Review, Jan. 20, 2021



[Expanded editorial board provides a wider lens on important issues in nephrology](#)

Nephrology News & Issues has also added to its Editorial Advisory Board members who represent the many aspects of nephrology and the communities served. **Lilia Cervantes**, from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, who has studied access to dialysis care for illegal immigrants and historically underserved communities, has joined the board.

Healio, Jan. 19, 2021