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### [UCHealth doctor urges patience as state enters next vaccine phase](#)

“It’s well-intended. They want people to get the vaccine. There’s obviously a lot of interest but I think it’s more complicated than people realize,” said **Michelle Barron**, head of infection prevention with UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] ...“People are excited to qualify but we don’t have enough vaccine to be able to say, ‘Sure, come on in.’ The process will be very driven by having an appointment and a specified time.”

*Fox31, Dec. 30, 2020*

### [COVID in Colorado: Despite Vaccines Available for 70+, Getting The Shot May Be Challenging](#)

“Unfortunately, nothing this year has been that easy,” said **Michelle Barron**, Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention for UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. Since Polis’ announcement, receptionists at UCHealth have been inundated with phone calls asking for the vaccine. “Our switchboards are going crazy,” Barron told CBS4’s Dillon Thomas.

*CBS4, Dec. 31, 2020*

### [Eligible patients still looking for answers on COVID-19 vaccine](#)

“It gives them information on the locations, times that they can potentially come and it’s still by appointment only. People should not be showing up hoping that they’ll get a vaccine,” said **Michelle Barron**, Medical Director of Infection Prevention with UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, January 3, 2021*



### [UCHealth patients over 70 start getting vaccinated](#)

**Jean Kutner**, the Chief Medical Officer at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], says healthcare workers share that same hope. “Hope that every shot in an arm we get is one less patient we will see in that COVID critical care unit,” Kutner said.

*Fox31, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [If you are next in line for a COVID vaccine, be prepared to wait](#)

“We are running vaccination clinics and we are communicating to our patients electronically, sending invitations in a random fashion. We set up both appointments at the same time, the first and the second dose,” said **Richard Zane**, the Chief of Emergency Medicine at UCHealth.

*Channel 7, Jan. 4, 2021*

### [Colorado hospital systems get ready for mass vaccinations](#)

“Right now, for UCHealth, our limitation is vaccine [amounts] and not the ability to deliver the vaccine,” UCHealth’s Chief of Emergency Medicine **Richard Zane** said.

*9News, Jan. 5, 2021*



### [Who’s Next? Colorado’s COVID-19 Vaccine Plan Creates Confusion For Most, Competition For Some](#)

One reason some areas have been able to move forward more quickly than others is that, due to inaccurate employment information on health care workers, some counties got more of the vaccine than they need for the earliest groups, according to **Anuj Mehta** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] of Denver Health who chairs the group that advises the governor on vaccine allocation.

*CPR News, Jan. 5, 2021*



### [Early vaccination in prisons, a public health priority, proves politically charged](#)

“It’s a very stigmatized population, and there are people who say, ‘They’re in prison, they must have done something terrible, and they don’t deserve a place in line,’” said **Matthew Wynia**, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado and a member of the state’s medical advisory group. But viewing the

priorities in terms of who deserves to be inoculated, he said, “might end up prolonging the pandemic and killing more people.”

*Washington Post, January 2, 2021*



### [Doctors: Speed at which vaccine developed should be a concern](#)

“This is really the first time in the history of science that vaccines have been able to be so safely developed so quickly and I think it’s important to say that they were not rushed but they were expedited,” said **Richard Zane**, chief of emergency services at University of Colorado Hospital.

*9News, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [‘Not Surprised’: Colorado Doctor Says New Strain Of COVID-19 Shouldn’t Cause Alarm](#)

“I’m not surprised,” said **Michelle Barron**, Director of Infection Prevention at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “Now that it’s in Colorado, it’s probably in more locations and we just haven’t detected it yet, but that won’t be a surprise and shouldn’t cause alarm.”

*9News, Dec. 30, 2020*

### [Easy-to-Spread Covid Variant in U.S. Amps Up Vaccine Urgency](#)

“I suspect it’s more widespread than we know,” said **Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHealth, a health-care system with a dozen hospitals and hundreds of clinics in Colorado. “It’s a function of ‘if you look for it, you will find it.’”

*Bloomberg, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [Nine months in, Denver hospitals can better help COVID-19 patients thanks to “unprecedented” advances in care](#)

While much is still unknown and too many people don’t survive the virus, it’s “unprecedented” for frontline care to change this quickly, said **Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHealth. “It’s really, truly remarkable that we have these options,” she said.

When COVID-19 was found in December 2019 in China, doctors and scientists had to make guesses about what treatments might help,



said **Ivor Douglas**, a pulmonologist and intensive care specialist at Denver Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. Usually, that meant trying drugs that worked against similar conditions, he said.

*Denver Post, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [A look at the long-term impacts of COVID-19 for seniors](#)

Lung scarring, fatigue, chest and muscle pain and intermittent fever are among the long-term side effects that could be caused by COVID-19, particularly in seniors. That's according to **Thomas Campbell**, who specializes in internal medicine and infectious disease at University of Colorado Hospital [and CU School of Medicine].

*9News, Dec. 30, 2020*



### [Sicker-At-Work? Persistent Economic Factors Drive Higher COVID-19 Infection Rate in Weld County's Latinos](#)

“Not to generalize, but in the communities where we were seeing this occurring — and not just the Latino community, but kind of the people of color overall — their job positions put them in places where they could not socially isolate,” said **Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of Infection Prevention for the University of Colorado hospital system [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*KUNC, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [You asked: Can we meet my elderly parents for our annual ski trip?](#)

**Connie Savor Price**, an infectious-disease physician and the chief medical officer at Denver Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], is also most worried about your parents traveling at this time, and she recommends postponing your trip until they have been fully vaccinated or go without them. “I don’t think the elderly at risk should be traveling and staying with [family] members outside of their household,” she says.

*Washington Post, Jan. 7, 2021*



### [Study: College football players underestimate risk of concussion](#)

“That athletes underestimated their risk of concussion and injury in this study raises important ethical considerations,” wrote **Christine Baugh**, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and member of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities. “What is the threshold for college athletes to be sufficiently informed of the risks and benefits of football to make decisions that align with their values and preferences?”

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jan. 4, 2021*

### [Study: College Football Players Underestimate Risk of Concussion and Injury](#)

“Our study doesn’t answer the question of why football athletes tend to underestimate their risks of injury or concussion,” said **Christine Baugh**, an assistant professor of medicine at the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, Jan. 5, 2021*



### [Fewer Food Allergies in Kids If Mom Drinks Milk While Breastfeeding: Study](#)

**Bruce Lanser**, a pediatric allergist at National Jewish Health [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], cautioned against putting too much weight on the study’s findings. “Data regarding maternal diets during pregnancy and breastfeeding have long been mixed and conflicting because there are so many potential factors that can be protective and harmful,” he said.

*HealthDay, Jan. 4, 2021*



### [Everyday Hero turns near-tragedy into an opportunity to protect the homeless from the cold](#)

UCHealth Burn and Frostbite Center Medical Director [and CU School of Medicine Associate Professor of Surgery] **Anne Wagner** said in those cases, without correct treatment, a person will end up losing the part of their body that was frozen or a good portion of it.... “The burn unit on our own has always tried to raise money to give the homeless boots and coats and all that kind of stuff, but we’re limited,” Wagner said.

*Channel 7, Dec. 31, 2020*