### Can vaccinated people get long Covid? Doctors say risk is 'very, very small'

**Natasha Altman**, a cardiologist at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], agreed that it may be too soon to understand the vaccines’ effects on long-term Covid-19 symptoms. “I think the trends are going to only really going to start bearing out in the next six months,” she said.

*NBC News, July 15, 2021*

### Fútbol, Flags And Fun: Getting Creative To Reach Unvaccinated Latinos in Colorado

All this portends a more uneven pandemic, says **Fernando Holguin**, [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine and] a pulmonologist and critical care doctor at the [Latino Research and Policy Center at the Colorado School of Public Health. He worries cases, hospitalizations and deaths will keep flaring up in less-vaccinated communities, especially predominantly Hispanic communities in parts of Colorado or other states where overall vaccination rates are poor.

*NPR, July 10, 2021*

### Coloradans, Doctors Weigh In On Need For COVID Booster As Pfizer Pushes For Federal Approval

UCHealth Senior Director of Infection Prevention, **Michelle Barron**, is following the research. “We know that these are probably not going to last our lifetime, so without question, at some point, we probably will need another shot just like we do with flu or tetanus,” said Barron [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “With these variants that are circulating, does that impact the efficacy? I think that’s the ongoing debate.”

*CBS4, July 14, 2021*
**Covid Booster Shots Can Wait Even as Variants Spread, Scientists Say**

“Right now there doesn’t seem a reason to need a booster,” said Sean O’Leary, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at the University of Colorado. “There are legitimate concerns about the motivations about Pfizer’s statement, given it’s in their financial interest to promote this concept. That doesn’t mean to say they’re wrong, but we need to follow the science.”

*Bloomberg, July 15, 2021*

**Vaccines work well against COVID-19 Delta variant**

“The presence of variants is directly correlated to the prevalence of vaccinated persons in the community,” said Richard Zane, chief innovation officer at UCHealth and professor and chairman of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “Vaccines are like a wall. They prevent the variants from coming in. If you’re not vaccinated, you’re not protected against anything.”

*Craig Press, July 8, 2021*

**FDA Could Make Decision on COVID-19 Vaccine for 6-Month-Olds by End of Year**

“Vaccines for children are part of our solution for trying to get out of the pandemic and getting back to normal,” Myron Levin, a professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases at University of Colorado, said in a statement.

*Newsweek, July 13, 2021*

**COVID-19 vaccines are just the beginning for mRNA innovations**

What other cures might mRNA developments unlock? Monday, host Kerri Miller talked with two scientists working on the front lines of this emerging technology. Guests: Justin Richner is an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine. David Bentley is the co-director of the RNA Bioscience Initiative at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*MPR News (St. Paul, Minn.), July 12, 2021*
Congress launches probe into Covid-19 origins

“At the end of the day the host country needs to collaborate,” said Connie Price, professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine’s Division of Infectious Diseases. Any investigation, she said, needs to respect that when a host country invites outsiders into their country or labs “it is their data. You are there in the capacity of a consultant. You need their people there to work beside you.”

Homeland Preparedness News, July 14, 2021

U.S. Needs Cooperation From Abroad to Beat Future Pandemics

“A high level of data transparency is required,” when a public health threat occurs, Connie Savor Price, chief medical officer of Denver Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said at a Wednesday hearing of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight. Public health officials, researchers, and other stakeholders must collaborate to share medical records essential for controlling and understanding outbreaks, she said.

Bloomberg Law, July 14, 2021

Did MLB All-Star Game Drive Up COVID Numbers In Colorado? Doctors Are Waiting and Seeing

“We anticipate somewhere between seven and 14 days after All-Star Week, we will likely see a spike in COVID patients,” Richard Zane with UCHealth explained.

CBS4, July 15, 2021

The unexpected trend with asthma during the pandemic

“On the provider side, it felt like asthma did disappear really because it did,” Mark Anderson, a pediatrician with Denver Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said.

“We know viruses, respiratory viruses like colds, can cause asthma exacerbations,” said Anne Fuhlbrigge, a pulmonologist with UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] and co-investigator in the study. “That is playing a role in this. There was less exposure to other
people, social distancing and masks -- allowed asthma patients to be free from other viruses.”

9News, July 14, 2021

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**Home health care continues to grow as pandemic winds down**

“We have providers that are doing 100% virtual care,” said UCHealth Chief Innovation Officer Richard Zane. “If you start out with a virtual visit with me, then I can say you need to go to the emergency department or you need to go to urgent care. Better yet, I'm going to bring resources to your home. Whether it’s for drawing blood or getting an x-ray ... As we evolve, we are going to be able to incorporate more devices, more applications.”

KKTV (Colorado Springs), July 8, 2021

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**Movie ‘distraction therapy’ improves children’s experience of radiation**

“One of the first patients who used RadFlix during her radiation therapy was a 5-year-old girl with an aggressive brain tumor. She was nervous when she arrived in our department on the first day, but she relaxed as soon as we turned on her favorite movie,” Sarah Milgrom, associate professor of radiation oncology at University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus, said in an interview with Healio.

The RadFlix program was created in 2018 by Douglas Holt, radiation oncology resident at CU School of Medicine, and Brian W. Miller, assistant professor of radiation oncology at CU Cancer Center.

Healio, July 15, 2021
**High potency weed linked to psychotic episodes, mysterious vomiting illness in young users**

“Evidence for how cannabis, especially in higher concentrations, impacts mental health is growing and stronger, especially on how it relates to psychosis and schizophrenia-like symptoms,” said G. Sam Wang, an emergency room doctor and toxicologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

*NBC News, July 11, 2021*

**A newborn-screening program is saving Colorado babies with a rare and deadly genetic disease**

When Julie Parsons, a pediatric neurologist at Children’s [and professor of clinical practice of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], began her career, caring for a baby with spinal muscular atrophy basically meant helping the parents cope with their child’s impending death.

*Colorado Sun, July 12, 2021*

**Denver children aren’t tested enough for blood lead levels, state health officials say**

Denver Health pediatrician Mark Anderson [associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine] said parents likely aren’t having their children tested because they don’t know they should — and doctors likely overlook the tests or consider them a lower priority.

*Denver Post, July 12, 2021*

**More youths with type 1 diabetes meet time-in-range goal with hybrid closed-loop system**

“The Control-IQ system can significantly improve time in range between 70 mg/dL and 180 mg/dL, bringing it closer to the [American Diabetes Association] goal of 70%,” Laurel H. Messer, assistant professor of pediatrics at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine, told Healio. “This is a huge win for children and adolescents, who particularly struggle with glycemic control.”

*Healio, July 15, 2021*
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| **Don’t fall into the nuclear family ‘parent trap’: What kids need most is love** | Kids need stability, security, emotional support and role models, according to **Harley Rotbart**, a parenting expert and vice chair emeritus of pediatrics at [CU School of Medicine and] Children’s Hospital Colorado. Of note, none of these qualities has anything to do with the number of parents or caregivers a child has, nor what the sexual or gender identity might be. Indeed, parents and caregivers come in all shapes and creeds.  

*KAKE (Wichita, Kan.), July 14, 2021* |
| **Skin Cancer Awareness**                                           | Prolonged exposure to the sun can be dangerous, or worse, said **Camille Stewart**, Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Studies have shown that most skin cancers---between 80-90 percent---can be traced to ultraviolet rays from the sun.  

*La Voz, July 7, 2021* |
| **Why You’re Always So Tired – and What You Can Do About It**        | The first step to dealing with constant or chronic exhaustion is to determine what’s behind it. “Fatigue is a symptom with a very wide range of causes,” says **Katherine Green**, director of the Sleep Center at UCHealth [and assistant professor of otolaryngology at CU School of Medicine]. “The challenge with fatigue is that each underlying cause has its own treatment.”  

*Real Simple, July 12, 2021* |
| **Gitanjali Rao says she’s living proof that teens can innovate**    | “I have learned so many incredible things from mentors. I just call people. Some say no, some say yes,” she says. One day she just picked up the phone and called **Michael McMurray** in the University of Colorado’s school of medicine, and asked if he would mind her coming into his lab.  

*Gadgets Now, July 12, 2021* |