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[To Vaccinate Younger Teens, States and Cities Look to Schools, Camps, Even Beaches](#)

In Colorado, Denver Health will expand clinics it operates in six public schools to middle school students. For the last few weeks, it has provided 150 to 400 vaccines every Saturday and Sunday, reaching not just high school juniors and seniors but sometimes their parents and older siblings, too. "It's been really successful because we are doing it in their communities, where the kids are familiar," said **Sonja O'Leary**, the medical director for Denver Health's school-based health centers [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

*The New York Times, May 11, 2021*

[Pediatricians primed to lead Covid vaccination efforts as kids become eligible](#)

"This is the office where you've taken your child since they were born," said **Sonja O'Leary**, medical director of the Denver Health School-Based Health Centers. "With the Covid vaccine, parents are going to have lots of questions about vaccinating their children. Hearing the answers from someone they've trusted for their child's whole life could be very impactful."

*NBC, May 13, 2021*



[Health care experts share insight on Pfizer vaccine for adolescents as young as 12](#)

"It's not correct to say that it is benign, that it's a benign illness in children. There have been tens of thousands of hospitalizations in the United States, roughly about 600 deaths in children. It's actually in the top ten causes of death for children now," said **Sean O'Leary**, a pediatrics professor at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Channel 7, May 10, 2021*

### [COVID In Colorado: Pediatricians Prepare To Administer Pfizer COVID Vaccine For Ages 12-15](#)

CBS4's Mekialaya White checked in with University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Professor of Pediatrics **Sean O'Leary** for answers. "As a pediatrician (at Children's Hospital), it's not uncommon for me to talk with families about concerns they have. It's important to explore where those concerns are coming from. We're hearing a lot from parents about misinformation, things that they've heard from someone else, on the internet or somewhere else," cautioned O'Leary. "Be careful about your sources of information."

*CBS4, May 12, 2021*

### [FAQ: When and where can Colorado kids can get COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Vaccine trials are currently underway for children younger than 12, but none have been approved yet, said **Sean O'Leary**, professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus. Pfizer hopes to have enough clinical data to submit its vaccine for kids ages 2 to 11 for an emergency use authorization by September, he added.

*Denver Post, May 12, 2021*



### [With Pfizer COVID vaccine approved for kids, it's now decision time for parents](#)

**Suchitra Rao** with Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine] hopes others will do the same. "Those are really outstanding study results," Rao said. "The time is now to get the vaccine. We know it's safe. We know it works well. We know it was studied well."

*Fox31, May 12, 2021*



### [Children's Hospital Colorado registering children 12-15 to get vaccinated](#)

"You know, while we have discussed those kids in general may not have as high as a risk from getting covid, we certainly have seen hospitalizations from covid-19 and complications in kids and have actually seen some deaths in kids, so protecting their health is really important," said **Sara Saporta-Keating**, specialist in infectious disease and pediatrics at the Children's Hospital Colorado [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

KOAA (Pueblo), May 13, 2021



[What will school look like this fall? Denver leaders try to answer this question](#)

“Everybody wants to know the crystal ball throughout the pandemic, what is coming next,” said **Steven Federico**, Denver Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. Federico said COVID-19 vaccinations will play a major role. “This is completely predicated on how quickly our community gets adolescents vaccinated.”

Fox31, May 6, 2021

[Denver Public Schools plans for a return to normal with help from \\$200M in stimulus money](#)

One big question is whether students eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccines will be required to get the shot before they can return to school. **Steven Federico**, director of general pediatrics at Denver Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said discussions will start taking place over the next few months, but for now DPS does not anticipate requiring the shot.

Channel 7, May 7, 2021



[Denver’s Spanish-speaking doctors are fighting COVID-19 with their language skills. Their care goes beyond words.](#)

**Gaby Frank** was in Argentina in December 2019 when she first got reports about a new respiratory infection in China. The disease did not have a name. The reports from specialists around the world only mentioned multiple cases of pneumonia. Frank, who’s a hospitalist at Denver Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], is trained in managing viral outbreaks.



Pulmonary and critical care specialist **Fernando Holguin** [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] spent most of the past year treating COVID-19 patients in the intensive care unit at UHealth in Aurora. . . .Holguin, who’s originally from Mexico, is a certified Spanish translator at the hospital.

Denver Health hospitalist **Lilia Cervantes** [associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] came up with the idea for the study. Cervantes, who also provided Spanish-language intake



services at the hospital, said that since the study covered hospitals that tend to have more experience treating people with limited English-language proficiency, the results don't necessarily reflect the experiences of Spanish-speaking patients at hospitals overall.

*Denverite, May 12, 2021*



### [At town hall, public health experts pitch vaccine as key to return to normalcy](#)

"We all hate coronavirus. That's our common enemy," **Emily Bates**, an associate professor at the University of Colorado's School of Medicine, said at the town hall hosted jointly by the Gazette and 9News. "We are on the same team, as humans. We want to be done with this pandemic, we want to lose the masks, and each of us can make a difference on whether or not that happens."



"Essentially when I hear these kind of issues with either hesitancy or just apathy ... the first thing I think about is one, can I listen to them, can I hear what their exact concerns are," **Kweku Hazel** [fellow in surgery at CU School of Medicine], added. "The first is to listen, and then next is to provide them with the most accurate information that is available, to enable them to make the most informed decision for themselves and their family."



"(Death) is not a possible endpoint that's been identified," **Ross Kedl** [professor of immunology and microbiology at CU School of Medicine] said, when asked if Pfizer and Moderna vaccines had led to any deaths. "People who have been vaccinated have died. But in the same way that if you're going to get into a car accident going to the library, it certainly isn't the library's fault."

*Denver Gazette, May 12, 2021*



### [COVID In Colorado: Summer Could See Big Decline In Cases](#)

"They pulled together six different modeling teams and they took six different looks at what would happen over the next several months and all six different models agreed we would hit a peak," said UCHHealth Hospital [and CU School of Medicine] infectious disease specialist **David Beckham**.

CBS4, May 6, 2021



[Colorado experiencing decline in COVID vaccine appointments](#)

**Fernando Holguin**, a pulmonologist and critical care specialist at UHealth [and CU School of Medicine], said right now only half of Colorado residents have been either vaccinated with one dose or both doses of a COVID vaccine. “We are starting to see for the first time there are more slots available than people demanding the vaccine,” Holguin said.

Fox31, May 6, 2021



[What happens if herd immunity isn't achieved in Colorado?](#)

We talked to **Richard Zane** with UHealth, **Connie Price** with Denver Health [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] and Jim Neid with HealthOne.

9News, May 6, 2021



[Coronavirus variant from India found for the first time in Colorado](#)

**Lakshmi Chauhan**, infectious disease specialist with UHealth [and CU School of Medicine], says there's no reason to believe the discovery of this variant in Colorado will result in a similar surge. “It is my feeling it won't be very different from the other variants we have seen,” said Chauhan.

Fox31, May 7, 2021



### [If You're This Age, Be Worried About COVID Right Now](#)

"A lot of them are requiring ICU care," said **Michelle Barron**, head of infection prevention and control at UCHHealth, one of Colorado's large hospital systems, [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] as compared with earlier in the pandemic.

*Eat This, Not That!, May 6, 2021*



### [What to Expect When You're Expecting in a Pandemic](#)

**Lisa Wynn**, women's service line chief at UCHHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital [and senior instructor of obstetrics and gynecology at CU School of Medicine], reassures new moms that hospitals are still committed to providing high-quality healthcare beyond birth.

*Colorado Parent, May 2021*



### [How Doctors Successfully Treated a Johnson & Johnson Vaccine-Related Blood Clot](#)

In a case report published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, **R. Todd Clark**, assistant medical director of the Emergency Department at the University of Colorado Hospital and assistant professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado, and his colleagues explained how they successfully treated a patient with a blood clotting problem following COVID vaccination.

*Verywell Health, May 13, 2021*



### [DKA common among children with type 1 diabetes hospitalized for COVID-19](#)

"Most children with type 1 diabetes who had COVID-19 were cared for at home without adverse outcomes, and only 2% of patients needed respiratory support," **G. Todd Alonso**, an associate professor at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes at the University of Colorado, told Healio.

*Healio, May 11, 2021*



### [UCHealth Virologist explains efficacy of COVID-19 booster shots](#)

**Thomas Campbell**, a University of Colorado School of Medicine and UCHealth virologist and infectious-disease specialist, spoke with Denver7 about the future of booster shots and their efficacy with COVID-19 variants.

*Channel 7, May 10, 2021*



### [UCHealth wraps up Phase 3 of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine trial](#)

**Thomas Campbell**, UCHealth's chief clinical research officer [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], updated 9NEWS on the trial so far.

*9News, May 10, 2021*



### [UCHealth staff coordinates medical supply drive for India as country battles COVID-19 surge](#)

The more he saw and heard about the ongoing carnage COVID 19 was unleashing in India, the more upset **Saketh Guntupalli** became. "I said I can't watch this anymore, we need to do something," recalled Guntupalli, director of gynecologic oncology at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital.

*Channel 7, May 6, 2021*

### [UCHealth sending supplies to India, which has been ravaged by COVID-19](#)

**Saketh Guntupalli** watched horrific images of India's COVID-19 crisis on TV, and he heard from his family in the health care industry battling it on the ground. His cousin is a neurosurgeon who is now treating COVID-19 patients as the pandemic continues to surge. "I know the places, I know the people and I know what they're going through, so we want to help and that's what we're doing," said Guntupalli, chief of gynecologic oncology at UCHealth.

*Denver Post, May 7, 2021*



### [How the world missed more than half of all Covid-19 deaths](#)

The problems start with the death certificate. **Ivor Douglas**, chief of the Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Medicine division at the Denver Health Medical Center [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], explained that death certificates emphasize the primary cause of death, which is the most immediate condition leading to the fatality. Death certificates also have space for secondary and indirect causes.

*Vox, May 7, 2021*



### [6 Questions To Ask Yourself Before Booking An International Trip](#)

“Some countries may require a negative COVID-19 test before entry, including returning to the U.S.,” said **Andrés Henao**, an internal medicine physician, infectious disease specialist, and director of the UHealth Travel Clinic [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “Visit a travel clinic before international travel for more comprehensive prevention recommendations.”

*HuffPost, May 11, 2021*



### [Mass shootings spur new gun policies. The lack of federal research makes it tough to know if they work.](#)

Early in **Emmy Betz’s** career, “well-meaning mentors” recommended she find an issue other than gun violence to research. She’s now director of the nonpartisan [Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative](#) at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (and an emergency room physician).

*Denver Post, May 8, 2021*



### [Colorado women in their 20s getting preventive Botox in record numbers](#)

“I think the one thing that is important to remember is Botox in itself will only prevent dynamic wrinkles. Your forehead wrinkles, etc. Those are probably the ones that get addressed by that,” said **David Mathes**, Professor and Chief of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery at UHealth on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Fox31, May 11, 2021*



### [New tool may safely block gene linked to factors that cause heart disease](#)

“The scientific community is still trying to figure out a way to safely inhibit it. Now we have discovered that ANGPTL4 is a gene with a circadian pattern. It can be influenced by light.” **Tobias Eckle**, Study Lead Author and Professor, Anesthesiology, University of Colorado School of Medicine

*News-Medical, May 11, 2021*



### [Dad Calls Colorado Baby Born With Rare Birth Defect ‘A Little Rock Star’](#)

Instead, they went to Children’s Hospital Colorado and **Ken Liechty**, co-director of the Colorado Fetal Care Center [and professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine]. Liechty is a fetal and pediatric surgeon with extensive experience with omphalocele. “We knew that the baby could do quite well,” said Liechty.

*CBS4, May 7, 2021*



### [Many Resuscitated Arrests Don’t Have an Underlying Cardiac Cause](#)

These findings, published in the May 18, 2021, issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, “suggest that conventional definitions of cardiac arrest poorly specify actual arrhythmic cause; specifying suddenness and separating the outcomes of resuscitated sudden cardiac arrests and sudden cardiac deaths may help to refine future analyses of OHCAs,” researchers led by **Santo Ricceri**, (University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO), write.

*TCTMD, May 12, 2021*



### [Food delivery by robot wins health-care innovation challenge](#)

**Richard Zane**, UHealth’s chief innovation officer and professor and chair of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine, was one of the six experts on the panel.

*BizWest, May 10, 2021*



### [University Of Colorado President Mark Kennedy Will Step Down](#)

University of Colorado President **Mark Kennedy** is leaving after just two years on the job. Kennedy and the university's Board of Regents announced that they were entering into discussions "regarding an orderly transition of the presidency in the coming months."

*CPR News, May 10, 2021*

### [CU President Mark Kennedy announces he will step down in "coming months"](#)

University of Colorado President **Mark Kennedy** has begun discussions about leaving his post as leader of the four-campus system, he announced Monday, two weeks after Boulder faculty and students voted to censure him for his actions and comments around diversity. Kennedy, a former Republican congressman who was selected as CU president in a contentious process that ended with a split, party-line vote by the university's Board of Regents in May 2019, will step down in the "coming months," according to a news release.

*Denver Post, May 10, 2021*