Colorado Doctor Says Understanding Risks Is Key As More People Will Be Without Masks Under Governor’s New Plan

Studies are showing that those vaccinated, without other health risks, are well protected. “I actually agree with that completely,” said Michelle Barron, an infectious diseases specialist with UCHealth Hospital [and CU School of Medicine].

CBS4, May 14, 2021

In Colorado, “If You’re Vaccinated, You Don’t Need To Wear A Mask,” Polis Says

Michelle Barron, [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] who specializes in infectious diseases at UCHealth called it a “calculated gamble” that may result in increased vaccination rates. “I think it’s a very calculated gamble. I think the odds are in its favor...” Barron said. “And I really do think it will incentivize a lot of people (to get vaccinated), but we'll see.”

CPR News, May 14, 2021

Will the CDC’s latest guidance on masks encourage more Coloradans to get vaccinated?

Michelle Barron, the medical director of infection control and prevention at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital, said the latest guidance from the CDC was meant to show people who are still on the fence about getting the vaccine some of the benefits that come with it, besides protecting yourself from COVID-19, though she admitted she was a bit nervous about how people were going to take the information.

Channel 7, May 17, 2021
Wary of the vaccine, people find trust, comfort at small community clinics

"Why we’re doing this right now is to really make sure that our communities don’t get left behind with the vaccine administration," said Kweku Hazel, one of the organizers of the vaccine clinic. “Everyone has to be able to get the vaccines for all of us to be safe.” Kweku is a surgical fellow at UCHealth. His wife Cynthia is a public health researcher with the Omni Institute. Together they’ve hosted four vaccine equity clinics in four months through the state health department and helped more than 2,000 people get vaccinated.

9News, May 17, 2021

How Colorado schools are helping teenagers – and their families – get the COVID vaccine

“We have had really good success in bringing in kids and getting their families vaccinated at the same time," said Sonja O’Leary, a pediatrician and medical director of Denver Health’s school-based health centers [and assistant professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “We saw a dad who was coaxed by the kids. We even vaccinated an 83-year-old grandma. The kids make the decision that this is the right thing for them to do, and then they bring the family along.”

Sean O’Leary, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital Colorado and vice president of the Committee on Infectious Diseases for the American Academy of Pediatrics [professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine] (and Sonja O’Leary’s husband), said some people wonder why children should get vaccinated, if they’re at lower risk.

Chalkbeat Colorado, May 13, 2021

Denver Siblings Take A Shot At The Study Of A COVID Vaccine By Novavax

“We really do need to get kids vaccinated,” said Myron Levin, professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Levin is helping oversee the pediatric trial on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Thomas Campbell is the principal investigator of the study and Chief Clinical Research Officer of UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. Results from a UK study showed the vaccine
was 96% effective against the original COVID virus, 86% against the UK variant.

CBS4, May 19, 2021

**Your Healthy Family: Infectious disease expert addresses some of parents’ biggest concerns about COVID vaccine for kids**

Michelle Barron, the senior medical director of infection prevention at UCH [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], says many drugs are generally dosed based on a person’s weight because that’s how those medicines work the best. “If you’re taking a medication by mouth or by IV (intravenously), the idea is that you’re trying to get a concentration into your bloodstream.”

KOAA (Pueblo), May 13, 2021

**COVID-19 Hospitalization for Children May Be Overcounted**

Sean O'Leary, vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], told Medscape Medical News that reporting methods differ by state and there is much variation in how COVID-19 infection is classified in hospitals.

Medscape, May 19, 2021

**Opinion: As doctors the choice is easy. We’ll vaccinate our children, and you should too.**

“As both doctors and fathers, we’re encouraging parents to get their children ages 12 to 15 vaccinated as soon as possible. Doing so will not only protect more children and teens from COVID-19, but will also mean more freedom for them to be with friends, get back to school and participate in other activities that are important to their development and overall well-being.”

David Brumbaugh, a board-certified pediatric gastroenterologist and the chief medical officer at Children's Hospital Colorado, an associate professor of pediatrics; gastroenterology, hepatology & nutrition at the CU School of Medicine; and the father of three.

Steven Federico is a board-certified general pediatrician and the director of general pediatrics at Denver Health; an associate professor at the CU School of Medicine; and the father of three.
**Denver Post, May 18, 2021**

**Why Is Covid Killing So Many Young Children in Brazil? Doctors Are Baffled**

“Those numbers are surprising. That’s a lot higher than what we’re seeing in the U.S.,” said Sean O’Leary, the vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ committee on infectious diseases, and a pediatrics infectious disease specialist at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “By any of the measures that we’re following here in the U.S., those numbers are quite a bit higher.”

*The New York Times, May 16, 2021*

**Honeymooning Denver couple forced to quarantine in Seychelles as WHO investigates island’s COVID test data**

Shivani Pathak, a medical resident at the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus, said she and her husband, Bo Sutton, both are vaccinated and spent most of their time outdoors during their first days in the Seychelles, so her positive test before they were scheduled to fly to South Africa for the second half of the trip was a shock.

*Denver Post, May 17, 2021*

**Heart transplant patient receives generous gift, warns others not to ignore symptoms of heart attack**

“His heart could not pump enough blood to supply his body,” said Muhammad Aftab, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the hospital [and assistant professor of surgery at CU School of Medicine]. On April 11, surgeons performed a heart transplant.

*Fox31, May 17, 2021*

**Dr Fernando Holguin Describes How Metabolic Syndrome Impacts Risk of Pulmonary Disease**

There are likely to be multiple mechanisms accounting for the relationship between these 2 conditions, said Fernando Holguin, a pulmonologist and critical care doctor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Holguin discussed these topics at this year's American Thoracic Society (ATS) meeting.

*AJMC, May 14, 2021*
15 Migraine Triggers You Need to Know About

Stress is the No. 1 trigger for migraine, says Danielle Wilhour, assistant professor in the department of neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She points to past research in the journal *Headache*. Of 200 new migraine patients, 91 percent said they had at least one migraine trigger, and the most commonly reported (by 59 percent of respondents) was emotional stress.

*The Healthy, May 17, 2021*

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EPIC Conferences Opens Conversation On Diabetes Care

“We have formulated it to be a very interactive conference so each workshop is set up so that there will be a diabetes expert who will talk for 10 to 15 minutes, and then there’s 45 to 50 minutes for questions and answers from conference participants,” said Sarit Polsky, an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, Adult Clinic, on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*CBS4, May 19, 2021*