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### [Colorado Woman Treated For Rare Blood Clots Related To Johnson & Johnson COVID Vaccine](#)

“We were able to determine that she had the triggers in her bloodstream that would suggest that it comes from the vaccine,” said **R. Todd Clark**, assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Clark knew the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had warned against standard blood clot medicine to treat the side effect, but no alternative was clear. “We made the call for Bivalirudin based off of the best available evidence,” Clark said.

*CBS4, May 4, 2021*

### [University of Colorado Hospital treats patient with Johnson & Johnson-related blood clot](#)

“Our experience shows us that these clot reactions are very rare, and they can be treated,” said **R. Todd Clark**, co-author of the report and assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*Aurora Sentinel, May 4, 2021*

### [New treatment used to care for Denver woman who developed blood clots after J&J vaccine](#)

“We did a CT scan that showed a clot in the brain and a clot in the lungs,” said UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital assistant medical director **Todd Clark**. Only days earlier, the CDC released new information telling doctors not to use the blood thinning medicine heparin, typically used for blood clots.

*Channel 7, May 4, 2021*

### [A Colorado woman developed rare blood clots from a coronavirus vaccine. She says you should still get vaccinated.](#)

A few miles away that same day at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital, **R. Todd Clark** met with a hematologist at the hospital to talk about reports of ultra-rare blood clots related to the coronavirus vaccine made by AstraZeneca. The vaccine uses similar technology to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and so the two doctors asked: How should we handle it if we get a patient with vaccine-related blood clots here? “It was very much a, ‘We’ll probably never see it, but it’s good to be prepared,’” said Clark, an emergency medicine specialist.

*Colorado Sun, May 5, 2021*



### [Children make up 26% of new COVID-19 cases in Colorado](#)

**Sean O'Leary**, a pediatrician and professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said highly transmissible variants, the lack of vaccine for kids and loosened COVID-19 restrictions are contributing to the numbers. “Kids under 16 right now are not eligible for vaccination so that’s a group that is completely prone to getting infected at this point,” O’Leary told ABC News.

*ABC News, May 5, 2021*

### [Children Now Account For 22% of New U.S. COVID Cases. Why Is That?](#)

To get a sense of what’s behind the rising proportion of cases in children, we spoke to **Sean O’Leary**, vice chair of the AAP’s Committee on Infectious Diseases. O’Leary is also a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado Medical Campus and Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*NPR, May 3, 2021*



### [More and more Colorado parents are vaccinated, but their kids mostly aren't. So what about those summer travel plans?](#)

So does this mean parents need to dial back their families’ post-vaccination plans to boring from roaring? Not quite, said **Sam Dominguez**, an infectious disease specialist at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine]. But parents who have less concern about their own health now that they’re vaccinated will need to continue taking precautions to protect their kids. “I think we need to think about kids in the same way we think about unvaccinated individuals,” Dominguez said.

*Colorado Sun, May 4, 2021*

### [Colorado doctor urges kids 12 to 15 get COVID vaccine once available](#)

“It is wonderful and exciting news for children. The more we can open access to more children, (it’s) wonderful news for all of us,” said **Sam Dominguez** [professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. “There are logistical challenges with the Pfizer vaccine in particular, with temperature and storage constraints, so we are hoping other providers will be providing it as well, but we don’t know yet how other places will be doing that.”

*Fox31, May 4, 2021*



[COVID-19 ‘doesn’t discriminate by age’: Serious cases on the rise in younger adults](#)

“A lot of them are requiring ICU care,” said **Michelle Barron**, head of infection prevention and control at UHealth, one of Colorado’s large hospital systems, as compared with earlier in the pandemic. The median age of COVID-19 patients at UHealth hospitals has dropped by more than 10 years in the past few weeks, from 59 down to about 48 years old, Barron said. “I think we will continue to see that, especially if there’s not a lot of vaccine uptake in these groups,” she said.

*Bakersfield.com, May 5, 2021*



[Herd immunity: An explanation and what a professor says is even more important](#)

“Herd immunity is, technically speaking, what is the level of immunity to protect those who can’t get vaccinated or won’t be vaccinated? It’s a pretty high standard, right? It’s essentially no infection of the unvaccinated,” explained **Ross Kedl**. Kedl, a professor of immunology and microbiology with the University of Colorado School of Medicine, says it’s unclear if or when the United States will reach it.

*Fox43 (York, Penn.), May 3, 2021*



[UHealth doctor says data allowed leeway on face covering guidance](#)

Experts say it is better to keep a mask handy as rules vary for different circumstances. “Having a mask is just courtesy I think,” said infectious disease expert **Michelle Barron** of UHealth [and CU School of Medicine].

*Fox31, May 3, 2021*



### [Highly contagious Brazilian COVID variant confirmed in El Paso County](#)

The variant, first discovered in Brazil, is more likely to reinfect people who have already had COVID-19 compared to the original virus, said **David Beckham**, associate professor of infectious disease at the University of Colorado.

*Colorado Springs Gazette, May 4, 2021*



### [Surviving COVID twice: A Denver woman goes 2 rounds with the disease](#)

**Sarah Jolley** of UCHealth [and CU School of Medicine], who was Cindy Schulz's COVID outpatient rehabilitation doctor, called hers a "pretty unique case. One, [to] have reinfection with COVID, and then also to have reinfection that results in being as sick as Cindy was the second time around and needing to go to the hospital and requiring a fair bit of oxygen for her COVID infection."

*Rocky Mountain PBS, April 30, 2021*



### [Similar Outcomes Seen in ECMO and Mechanically-Ventilated COVID-19 Patients](#)

"The initial guidance for ECMO in COVID was helpful and saved a lot of lives, and not to their detriment, which is very encouraging," **Jessica Rove**, Assistant Professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and Section Chief, Cardiac Surgery, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center said.

*ContagionLive, May 1, 2021*



### [COVID Outcomes Similar With ECMO or Mechanical Ventilation](#)

"We were a multidisciplinary team, a whole variety of people to really track the long-term outcomes for patients who have been critically ill from COVID-19 and survived to hospital discharge," presenting author **Lauren J. Taylor**, fellow at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, Colorado, told *theheart.org | Medscape Cardiology*.

*Medscape, May 3, 2021*



### [India's COVID-19 crisis has impact on Colorado families](#)

**Lakshmi Chauhan**, Infectious Disease Specialist with UCHealth [and CU School of Medicine], says the situation in India should concern people in the United States and Colorado. "We still haven't reached the threshold for herd immunity. We need to continue to push along with the vaccination and not slow down until that is really achieved," said Chauhan.

*Fox31, April 29, 2021*



### [Doctors with long COVID-19 share their struggles to heal](#)

For **Sunita Sharma**, COVID-19 started out simple. In September, a week after working in an intensive care unit, the pulmonologist developed muscle aches and a low-grade fever for a couple of days. But tougher symptoms soon hit. Sharma, who works at UCHealth [and CU School of Medicine] in Aurora, Colorado, developed sweats that drenched her sheets and a cough so bad she could barely talk.

*AAMC, May 4, 2021*



### ['We're really in the early days' of understanding neurological issues with COVID-19](#)

"For the U.S., we're just a little bit over the one-year anniversary of our first cases," **Kenneth Tyler**, a fellow at the American Academy of Neurology and chair of the University of Colorado School of Medicine's Department of Neurology, told Yahoo Finance. "When you start to talk about potential longer-term [effects] and what's their natural history, you've got to realize we're really in early days here and that some things may not be apparent for a while now."

*Yahoo! Finance, May 5, 2021*



### [Doctor shares her story of COVID-19 loss to inspire Coloradans to get the vaccine](#)

For the past year, **Michelle Barron** has shared her expertise in the field of infectious disease. The Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine] is a frequent voice in 9NEWS stories, sharing updates on the pandemic and vaccine efforts.

*9News, April 30, 2021*

### [The fight against COVID-19 turned very personal for a top Colorado medical expert](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic is the kind of health catastrophe that **Michelle Barron** has spent decades preparing for. It's "not something you hope for, but you always think about and plan for, and obviously your training goes into motion," she said. Barron is the senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UCHHealth, which [praises her](#) as "the top infectious disease expert in Colorado."

*Rocky Mountain PBS, May 5, 2021*

### [UCHHealth doctor shares personal pandemic heartache](#)

**Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention at UCHHealth, is not only armed with the knowledge to battle the virus, she is also filled with an experience that allows her to understand the emotional pain. "I could really empathize with family and patients in terms of what they were going through," Barron said.

*Fox31, May 2, 2021*



### [Under cover of COVID, fentanyl and isolation fuel spiraling overdose crisis](#)

**Christian Hopfer**, a psychiatry professor at the University of Colorado and the medical director of a UCHHealth imprint that focuses on addiction, said the death toll was the worst he's seen in his career. "I've been doing it for 30 years," he said. "I mean, the crack epidemic was pretty bad, but there wasn't as many deaths due to overdose."

*Denver Gazette, May 2, 2021*



### [Optune Device Extends Life Expectancy Of Littleton Man With Brain Cancer](#)

"It's an amazing technology," said **Doug Ney**, neuro-oncologist at the CU Cancer Center and Bruce's physician. He says Optune produces alternating electrical fields that target dividing cancer cells in the brain. "They're not allowed to grow. It sort of stops them in their tracks and then they die," said Ney.

*CBS4, April 30, 2021*



### [CDC finds unsafe bedding remains a leading cause of unexpected infant deaths](#)

"We have not been able to engage our families effectively," said **Sunah Hwang**, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a neonatologist at Children's Hospital Colorado.

*NBC News, April 26, 2021*



### [Why Is Perimenopause Still Such a Mystery?](#)

There are four symptoms of perimenopause that are most common: hot flashes, sleep disruption, depression and vaginal dryness, known as "the core four" among menopause experts. But the full panoply of symptoms related to the perimenopause transition "is not yet known with any great degree of certainty," said **Nanette Santoro**, the chair of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*The New York Times, April 29, 2021*



### ["A huge, huge, huge help": Children's Hospital program for kids with severe asthma expands beyond Denver-area schools](#)

Children's Hospital Colorado, which works with school nurses and parents of kids with asthma in the Step Up program, received a \$2.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to test whether it will work in communities outside Denver, and if it can be financially sustainable. . . . So far, the hospital and school districts have essentially donated the staff time needed to coordinate kids' asthma care, because they typically can't bill insurance, said **Stanley Szeffler**, director of the pediatric asthma research program at the hospital's Breathing Institute.

*Denver Post, May 2, 2021*



### [Colorado Mom Donates Kidney To Son, Hopes To Inspire Others](#)

"There are tens of thousands of people who are waiting across the country for a new kidney. That's the same with livers and hearts and other solid organs. And the supply is just much smaller than the demand," said **Margret Bock** with Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine].

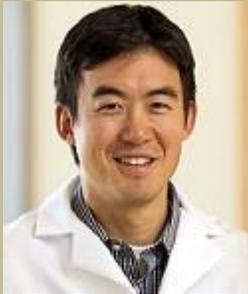
*CBS4, April 30, 2021*



### [Colorado living organ donor gives gift of life twice](#)

Foster landed her dream job at UCHealth as a Living Donor Transplant Coordinator and moved to Colorado. As she learned more about transplants, she decided to explore living liver donation and soon she was being prepped for surgery again. . . .Part of her liver went to an 11-month-old girl and that's all she knows about the recipient. Chief of Transplant Surgery, **Elizabeth Pomfret**, said most living donors have a relationship with the recipient but that's not always the case in Colorado.

*Channel 7, April 30, 2021*



### [Coloradans Worry About Mental Health Effects Of Some Pot Products](#)

**Sam Wang** with [CU School of Medicine and] Children's Hospital Colorado says there is moderate to strong evidence of an association. "Obviously, we need more research on the impacts of these high-potency products. But also, do we want to wait 10 years down the road to see the overall impacts? Probably not."

*Wyoming Public Media, May 5, 2021*



### [New Book Compiles Testimony of Children from U.S.-Mexico Border](#)

Internationally recognized children's rights scholar **Warren Binford** [@childrightsprof](#) compiled testimonies from migrant children detained at the US-Mexico border. The book's called, Hear My Voice & it's resonating with readers. Take a listen to our conversation: Immigration. Binford is professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine.

*CNN International, May 4, 2021*