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**Polis calls children who participated in COVID-19 vaccine trial 'heroes'**

**Eric Simoes**, the primary investigator of the Pfizer trial at Children's Hospital Colorado [and clinical professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said about one-third of the kids received a placebo, and those children are now on their way to being fully vaccinated as well. In total, 5,000 children had applied to participate, Simoes said. "As principal investigator of this site, and one of the largest sites in the world, I believe in the science and integrity of the trial and this vaccine," Simoes said.

*Channel 7, Nov. 8, 2021*

**As doses begin to flow, Polis celebrates Colorado kids who participated in vaccine trial**

The Children's Hospital Colorado-run trial represented the largest share of the 81 sites testing the vaccine across four countries, with more than 10% of total participants based here. **Eric Simoes**, the primary investigator of the Children's trial [and clinical professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], praised the "significant contributions" of the children and their families in advancing the vaccine....

*Denver Gazette, Nov. 8, 2021*



**Children are now eligible for the Pfizer COVID Vaccine. Here's what you need to know**

**Samuel Dominguez** is a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado and an associate professor at University of Colorado School of Medicine. He talked to CPR about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children.

*CPR News, Nov. 5, 2021*



### Kids COVID-19 vaccine: Answers to 5 key questions about the shot

**Anuj Mehta**, assistant professor of medicine and pulmonologist at Denver Health [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], addressed some of the most common concerns.

Fox31, Nov. 3, 2021



### The COVID-19 vaccine for children is here. For parents, it's not always a simple call.

"I'm not surprised," **Matthew Daley**, a pediatrician and senior investigator for Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Research [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said of the hesitancy. "Parents — they're always going to want to do what's best for the child. They may be more risk-averse about their child."



"The scrutiny these vaccines are under from our regulatory agency is pretty intense," **Lalit Bajaj**, a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Children's Hospital Colorado [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. "We wouldn't put it out there if we didn't think it was safe and the benefit didn't outweigh the risk. There's a lot of hope for optimism."

Denver Post, Nov. 7, 2021



### COVID vaccine trial begins for children 6 months to 5 years old

**Myron Levin**, a professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine who is overseeing the trial, said a total of 4,000 children nationwide are taking part in the trial, including about 50 in Colorado.

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### COVID In Colorado: 11,000+ Children Ages 5-11 Get Their First COVID Vaccine

"It's not just the beds, it's having a nurse and having a physician to take care of the patient. That has several ramifications. It means many of our critical care physicians who just got off a shift or a rotation, and are planning to see patients in outpatient clinic for a week or two, might be pulled from clinic and rescheduling patients," said **David Beuther**, a pulmonologist and Chief Medical Information Officer at

	<p>National Jewish Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].</p> <p><i>CBS4, Nov. 8, 2021</i></p>
	<p><b><u>New research and waning protection: Why Colorado might never reach coronavirus herd immunity</u></b></p> <p>"A lot of this has to do with the nature of respiratory viruses," said <b>Michelle Barron</b>, an infectious disease specialist at the hospital who is one of the co-authors of the study [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. "We don't get long-term immunity. It is often time-limited. I think most people logically know this. How many times have you had a cold more than once? Having that natural immunity doesn't prevent you from getting infected again."</p>
	<p><i>Colorado Sun, Nov. 9, 2021</i></p> <p><b><u>Why is Colorado's COVID rate increasing while other states are seeing rates drop?</u></b></p> <p>"We were hoping at this point we'd be like the rest of the United States and down trending, but obviously not the case," said <b>Michelle Barron</b>, the Senior Medical Director of Infection Prevention at UCHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].</p> <p><i>Fox31, Nov. 9, 2021</i></p> <p><b><u>Would more health orders slow COVID hospitalizations? We asked doctors and the governor</u></b></p> <p>"Getting vaccinated is incredibly important, getting your booster if you haven't received it already and being smart about what makes sense to you. If you have someone in your household that can't get vaccinated or has an underlying illness that would put them at risk of a bad infection, then think about what you're doing and mask if appropriate," said UCHealth's Medical Director of Infection Prevention <b>Michelle Barron</b> [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].</p> <p><i>Fox31, Nov. 10, 2021</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Your Healthy Family: Monoclonal antibodies help high risk Colorado Springs COVID patient to easy and quick recovery</u></b></p> <p><b>Adit Ginde</b> is an emergency medicine physician with UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital and a professor of emergency medicine with the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Ginde has participated in clinical trials, and in some cases led clinical trials of monoclonal antibodies for COVID-19 in Colorado since summer of</p>

	<p>2020, and has significant expertise when it comes to monoclonal antibody treatments.</p> <p><i>KOAA (Pueblo), Nov. 10, 2021</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Colorado hospitals overwhelmed by young, ‘dramatically ill’ unvaccinated COVID patients</u></b></p> <p>Nationwide hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 have been on the rise again. The numbers are rising in the Midwest and New England, and remain dangerously high in parts of the West. Some states like Colorado have seen spikes that threaten to overwhelm hospitals. Amna Nawaz discusses with <b>Ivor Douglas</b>, chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Denver Health and a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.</p> <p><i>PBS News Hour, Nov. 10, 2021</i></p>
	<p><b><u>COVID hospitalization numbers threaten other patient procedures</u></b></p> <p>“We are seeing health care at a breaking point right now,” said <b>Richard Zane</b>, chief innovation officer with UCHealth. Zane said in some instances, they may have to consider which patients they can and can’t treat depending on staffing and bed availability.</p> <p><i>Fox31, Nov. 7, 2021</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Colorado activates crisis standards of care for healthcare staffing</u></b></p> <p>“We would normally need to have one nurse for every three people on a medical floor, but because we are so crowded and we just don’t have enough nursing staff, we might end up having one nurse for every four or five or six people on a medical floor,” said <b>Matt Wynia</b> [director of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities] who helped craft Colorado’s CSC during the pandemic.</p> <p><i>9News, Nov. 9, 2021</i></p> <p><b><u>Exploring the ethics behind Gov. Polis’ triage care order</u></b></p> <p>We also talked with <b>Matthew Wynia</b>, director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, about the ethics behind the governor’s new order.</p> <p><i>KUNC (Greeley), Nov. 9, 2021</i></p>



### [What happened to Eric Clapton?](#)

"He could be helping us in finishing off this pandemic, especially with a vulnerable population," says **Joshua Barocas**, an associate professor of medicine with an expertise in infectious diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "We're looking at millions and millions of people worldwide. He could be a global ambassador, and instead he's chosen the pro-covid, anti-public-health route."

*Washington Post, Nov. 11, 2021*



### [Dr Carina Venter on the Gut Microbiome's Role in Allergic Disease](#)

**Carina Venter**, allergy specialist dietitian and associate professor in pediatric allergy and immunology at Children's Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado, discusses the gut microbiome's complex relationship with our immune system and diet diversity's potential role in allergic disease and food allergy-related outcomes.

*AJMC, Nov. 7, 2021*



### [Many adolescents with asthma inadequately prepared for transition to adult care](#)

"Teens who are about to go off to college are at an ideal stage to discuss transition issues," **William Anderson**, associate program director of allergy and immunology fellowship and co-director of the Multidisciplinary Asthma Clinic at University of Colorado and Children's Hospital Colorado, said.

*Healio, Nov. 5, 2021*



### [Paired Anti-Obesity Drugs May Help Teens Shed More Weight After Metabolic Surgery](#)

"As far as we're aware, this is the first pilot RCT of obesity pharmacotherapy among adolescents after bariatric surgery," explained **Jaime Moore**, of the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "Initial efficacy data support greater reduction in BMI with phentermine and topiramate versus placebo at 12 weeks."

*MedPage Today, Nov. 7, 2021*



### [Early-onset colorectal cancer rates on the rise in white people](#)

Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at Denver Health Medical Center and Associate Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, **Jordan Karlitz**, attributes this occurrence to a change in health screening implemented nearly 14 years ago when the A.C.G. changed the age for Black individuals from 50 to 45. "The hope is that by offering a uniform age 45 screening threshold to all patients, rising colorectal cancer rates in this age group can be curtailed," said Karlitz.

*Fox31, Nov. 9, 2021*

### [Q&A: Experts aim to ‘inspire’ earlier CRC screening across all racial groups](#)

*Healio Gastroenterology* spoke with **Jordan J. Karlitz**, senior author on the study and a GI physician at Denver Health Medical Center and associate professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. The study focused on trends in the incidence of colorectal adenocarcinoma among Black vs. white U.S. residents aged 40 to 49 years from 2000 to 2017.

*Healio, Nov. 9, 2021*



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### [Aurora advocates working to increase access to healthcare, generational wealth through community hub](#)

Twenty-seven acres on the corner of East Colfax Avenue and Airport Boulevard, in Aurora, could soon become a source of healthcare, affordable housing, childcare and more. The [Aurora Community Health Commons](#) (ACHC) is a partnership between community members, Salud Family Health and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

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