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[Lawsuit filed against CU Anschutz School of Medicine over vaccine mandate](#)

A Catholic doctor and a Buddhist student have filed a federal lawsuit against the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine in objection to the school’s mandated vaccine based on their religious practice and beliefs. The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Denver, claims that the school of medicine is exercising “overt religious discrimination” against the plaintiffs which causes a “direct threat” and “undue hardship.”

*Denver Post, Sept. 29, 2021*

[University of Colorado faces COVID religious exemption suit](#)

A pediatrician and a medical student at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus are challenging denials of their requests for religious exemptions from the school’s COVID vaccination mandate, arguing in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that administrators are judging the “veracity” of personal religious beliefs in violation of the First Amendment.

*Associated Press, Sept. 30, 2021*



[Religious exemptions and required vaccines: Examining the research](#)

“Religious exemptions may be an increasingly problematic or outdated exemption category, and researchers and policy makers must work together to determine how best to balance a respect for religious liberty with the need to protect public health,” write the authors, led by **Joshua T. B. Williams**, a pediatrician at Denver Health Medical Center and assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*The Journalist’s Resource, Sept. 29, 2021*



### [CDC greenlights coronavirus booster shots for millions of vulnerable Americans](#)

Millions of Americans are now eligible for a Pfizer's coronavirus booster shot after the CDC director endorsed an expert panel's recommendation. Omar Villafranca brings us the latest on the decision. Then, **Shale Wong**, a professor of pediatrics and the executive director of the Farley Health Policy Center at the University of Colorado, joins CBSN's Lana Zak with her analysis.

*CBS News, Sept. 24, 2021*



### [More than 1/3 of COVID sufferers could see symptoms 3-6 months later](#)

"It's terribly concerning," said **Rebecca Keith**, director of the Post-COVID Pulmonary Center at National Jewish Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. "I mean, COVID is going to have a long-lasting impact I think well into our future. I do think that people who present to our clinics after COVID and potentially enroll in trials, that probably is under-representing the population in general that may have some ongoing symptoms after COVID."

*Fox31, Sept. 29, 2021*



### [Vaccination rates are on the rise among Denver County teens](#)

DPS partnered with Denver Health to set up in-school vaccination clinics where students, staff members, and families can receive the shot. "We are currently located at 18 campuses within DPS," Denver Health Pediatrician **Steve Federico** [associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine] said. "We're in almost every high school and most middle schools across the district."

*Channel 7, Sept. 28, 2021*



### [Defying Delta: Back to school goes better than feared](#)

"Schools simply reflect what's going on in the surrounding community and, in most cases, you have less transmission than in the surrounding community because of mitigation measures in place," said **Sean O'Leary**, a pediatrics professor at the University of Colorado.

*Reuters, Sept. 28, 2021*



### [10-Year-Old Happy To Be 'Making A Mark' By Participating In COVID Vaccine Trial At Children's Hospital Colorado](#)

**Lalit Bajaj**, Pediatric Emergency Physician and Chief Quality and Outcomes Officer at Children's Hospital Colorado [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], says they are the largest enrolling site in the international trial. "We did a pretty big campaign to enroll a very diverse population and we had almost 5,000 people sign up — so a lot of interest — and we were successful in enrolling 252 kids into that two-shot trial," he said.

*CBS4, Sept. 29, 2021*



### [People should brace themselves for a more severe flu season](#)

"I am very concerned," **Michelle Barron**, senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UHealth [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said last week. "The thought is we are going to have a bad respiratory syndrome season."

*Steamboat Pilot & Today, Sept. 28, 2021*



### ['Race-norming' kept former NFL players from dementia diagnoses. Their families want answers.](#)

In the case of [Johnnie] Dirden, his neurologist was so outraged that her diagnosis was overruled, she said in an interview, she quit the network of doctors evaluating players in the settlement. "I just felt the patients were getting jerked around, rooked and cheated," said **Maureen Leehey**, professor of neurology at University of Colorado. "It just wasn't right."

*Washington Post, Sept. 29, 2021*



### [Preventing Gun Violence in Patients With Dementia](#)

"We want to support independent healthy aging and rights of older adults for as long as possible, but recogniz[e] that ... in the progression of dementia, there comes a point when someone probably is no longer safe to have access" to firearms, said **Emmy Betz**, [professor of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine] who is also director of the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative at the Injury & Violence Prevention Center at the University of Colorado.

*MedPage Today, Sept. 23, 2021*



### [A federal deadline for Colorado to redesign its child welfare system has arrived](#)

The program has existed in Colorado for years, but with inadequate funding, said **Suzanne Kerns** at the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Colorado Sun, Sept. 27, 2021*



### [Here's Why Your Baby Has A Raspy Voice From Crying](#)

**Christian Francom** [assistant professor of otolaryngology at CU School of Medicine] is a pediatric ears, nose, and throat (ENT) specialist who oversees the Children's Hospital Colorado Pediatric Voice Disorders Clinic. In an interview with Romper, he says your baby's voice should come back just fine after a little rest.

*Romper, Sept. 30, 2021*



### [Clinical Challenges: Overcoming Obstacles in Secondary AML Treatment](#)

There are also specific obstacles, explained **Daniel A. Pollyea**, of the University of Colorado: "The longstanding challenge in treating secondary AML has been that these patients, who are usually older, don't respond as well as de novo patients to traditional therapies. And a recently approved treatment involves chemotherapy, which not all secondary AML patients can tolerate, so a lot of them are left out," he said.

*MedPage Today, Sept. 29, 2021*