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[A conversation with Todd Saliman about the future of the University of Colorado](#)

**Todd Saliman** was named president of the University of Colorado system in late April. “When I think about the work that we need to do, I really put it into five buckets. One is student success, another is reflecting the diversity of Colorado. Another is research, scholarship and creative work. Another is really connecting and serving the community of Colorado. And the last bucket is health care and health care workforce.”

*Denver Gazette, July 18, 2022*



[The danger of skipping your Covid booster is rising – and more than 100 million Americans are at risk](#)

Booster shots essentially amplify those same benefits, says **Ross Kedi**, a professor of immunology and microbiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He says booster-induced protection against severe illness holds up over time against every known Covid variant and subvariant, including BA.5.

*CNBC, July 20, 2022*



[More than 2 years into the pandemic, interpreting COVID-19 metrics gets trickier, especially with dashboard changes and elusive data](#)

“It’s not overwhelming us in any way compared to what we’ve seen at previous points in the pandemic,” said **Anuj Mehta**, a pulmonologist with Denver Health [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “So from a hospital perspective, I think directly related to acute COVID infections, things are going actually, OK.”

*CPR News, July 21, 2022*



### [New 9-8-8 crisis hotline goes live](#)

Researcher and Professor of Emergency Medicine at University of Colorado Anschutz Campus **Emmy Betz** weighed in, saying surprisingly, Colorado has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation, ranked 7th. This new tool will help combat that. “Maybe it was one good thing to come out of COVID is that we all started talking about mental health a lot more. Life is a bumpy rollercoaster, and I think it’s important we all talk about that because there’s treatment,” said Betz.

*CBS Colorado, July 17, 2022*



### [COVID Childcare Woes Increased Stress in Healthcare Workers: Study](#)

“So many institutions have made strides to address equity and representation while decreasing burnout, and this data suggests that attending to childcare stress will be an important part of those initiatives,” **Elizabeth Harry**, associate professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and lead researcher on the study, told *Medscape Medical News*.

*Medscape, July 19, 2022*



### [Surgery risks mount if anesthesiologist faces heavy workload, study warns](#)

“This kind of analysis is exactly what we do every day,” when determining staffing ratios for anesthesia during surgeries, said **Randall Clark**, a professor of anesthesiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*UPI, July 20, 2022*



### [Diving right in from residency to private practice](#)

**Carolynn Francavilla Brown**, private practice physician, Green Mountain Partners for Health: “I was lucky that I really was exposed to a fantastic private practice as a medical student. At the University of Colorado, they have this longitudinal preceptor experience. And so, as a first-year medical student, you start working with, usually, a primary care physician.”

*AMA, July 21, 2022*



### [What is parechovirus? Signs, symptoms and risk factors of the virus infecting babies across the country](#)

“We noticed a few months ago reports starting to pop up throughout the country and now it appears that there’s widespread circulation of parechoviruses throughout the country,” said **Kevin Messacar**, a pediatric infectious disease physician and researcher at Children’s Hospital Colorado and University of Colorado. “It’s not only that we are seeing the rare, severe cases that we have seen in the past,” he added. “We’re also seeing more parechovirus activity in general and earlier in the season than we typically would see.”

*NBC News, July 16, 2022*

### [‘Prepare for uncertainty’: Common infections return after COVID-19 disruptions](#)

Providers should “prepare for uncertainty” as common infections such as respiratory syncytial virus and enterovirus return in atypical seasons following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, experts said. **Kevin Messacar**, a pediatric infectious disease physician at Children’s Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado School of Medicine and co-author of a new commentary in *The Lancet*, recalled seeing cases of RSV months out of season, in the spring.

*Healio, July 15, 2022*



### [What Ticks Carry Powassan Virus And Who Is Vulnerable?](#)

Powassan virus is an arbovirus, part of a group of viral infections transmitted by insects known as arthropods, **Daniel Pastula**, an associate professor of neurology, infectious diseases and epidemiology at the University of Colorado school of Medicine told *Newsweek*.

*Newsweek, July 19, 2022*



### [Benadryl can be used to reduce swelling from rattlesnake bites.](#)

**Nick Brandehoff**, the Snakebite Foundation’s medical director and an assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said in a blog post that antihistamines like Benadryl won’t relieve swelling from snakebites because it’s not caused by an allergic reaction.

*Politifact, July 20, 2022*



[Psychiatrist of Aurora theater shooter speaks out: 'It's impossible to spot these mass shooters in advance.'](#)

"I could not have prevented the shooting. At first when people were saying that I had blood on my hands, I thought, 'My God, what did I miss? Was there something I could have done?'" **Lynne Fenton** told The Denver Gazette....Fenton still works for the university, seeing patients virtually from her remote Colorado home.

*Denver Gazette, July 19, 2022*



[Opinion: My patients are suffering from climate change](#)

Column by **Jennifer Camello**, family medicine resident at the University of Colorado: "We are already seeing the health impacts of climate change in our patients, and we as health care providers need to be prepared to address it. We must better train our physicians in medical school and residency to diagnose and treat the health impacts of climate change."

*Colorado Sun, July 18, 2022*