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['Red flag' gun laws in focus after attack at Colorado LGBTQ nightclub](#)

The state has seen relatively few petitions for extreme risk protection orders since it passed its law in January 2020. One study found 109 filings in the first year. **Chris Knoepke**, a University of Colorado professor who has studied the issue, said data from 2021 and 2022 show a slight increase in usage. . . . "It's heartbreaking when you hear one of these stories, and you worry that an opportunity was missed to potentially do something about it," said Knoepke, who is working with state officials on developing training on ERPOs for Colorado law enforcement.

Reuters, Nov. 21, 2022

[Red flag laws are only as effective as the frequency with which they get used](#)

Christopher Knoepke, an assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, who has studied red flag laws both in Colorado and nationwide, worries the state law is a valuable tool that is being underutilized.

Denver Gazette, Nov. 22, 2022



[Children's hospitals call on Biden to declare emergency in response to 'unprecedented' RSV surge](#)

Children's Hospital Colorado is "bursting at the seams" primarily due to a surge of RSV cases, said **Sean O'Leary**, a pediatrician and infectious disease expert [and professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. Inpatient beds and the intensive care unit are both full, O'Leary said. The hospital's emergency department has set up a tent outside to see patients.

CNBC, Nov. 18, 2022



[“Tipping point” feared as rising flu, COVID-19 add to RSV’s strain on Colorado hospitals](#)

Clinics in the UCHHealth system recorded 1,160 positive tests for influenza in the last week, which was a “huge jump” from 495 cases a week earlier, said **Michelle Barron**, the system’s senior medical director of infection prevention and control [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].



Hospitalizations for RSV remain high, but they aren’t skyrocketing at the rate they were earlier this month, said **Kevin Carney**, associate chief medical officer at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine]. The hospital hasn’t needed to use the tent it set up outside the emergency room much in the last week, but it has converted some additional spaces within the facility to serve as patient rooms, he said.



Connie Price, chief medical officer at Denver Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said they’re working to hire traveling nurses with experience in pediatric intensive care units, to better manage the increased need. Since young children have very small airways, they’re vulnerable to breathing complications from RSV, and some need to be placed on ventilators, she said.

Denver Post, Nov. 21, 2022



[Hospitals becoming overwhelmed as cases of RSV continue to rise](#)

“If any of the children are sick, they are the ones that are going to transmit it to the older adults and they should not go to nursing homes, they should not go to see their grandparents if they are sick and if they are they should be wearing masks,” said **Eric Simões**, a professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus.

KATV (Little Rock, Ark.), Nov. 21, 2022



[Moms of newborns with RSV found hospitals busy but ready to help as respiratory virus surges](#)

Children's Hospital Colorado, the state's largest pediatric facility, is at "100 percent capacity" with all its units and emergency department extremely busy, said **Kevin Carney**, the associate chief medical officer [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine].

CPR News, Nov. 21, 2022



[VIDEO: 'They're back' – fall outbreaks hail return of common infections](#)

In this video, **Kevin Messacar**, a pediatric infectious disease consultant at Children's Hospital Colorado and associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, discusses what this has meant for pediatric practices, hospitals and children in the United States.

Healio, Nov. 21, 2022



[What Happens When Breast Cancer Metastasizes to the Brain?](#)

Ryan Ormond, is a surgeon at the [University of Colorado Cancer Center](#) who treats breast cancer patients whose disease has spread to the brain. We spoke with Ormond — associate professor of [neurosurgery](#) in the [University of Colorado School of Medicine](#) — about how and why the metastasis happens, and how the treatment works.

Cancer Health, Nov. 18, 2022



[Doctors who would like to defy abortion laws say it's too risky](#)

Another example: the Texas Policy Evaluation Project conducted a survey of clinicians operating under that state's restrictions. It found that sometimes providers avoided doing D&Cs, opting instead for a surgical incision into the uterus because it might not be constructed as an abortion. "That's just nuts." **Matthew Wynia** directs the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado. "Much more dangerous, much more risky. The woman may never have another pregnancy now because you're trying to avoid being accused of having conducted an abortion."

NPR, Nov. 22, 2022



[Yampa Valley clinics prepare for psychedelic mushroom mental health therapy](#)

Professor **Scott Thompson**, director of the Center for Novel Therapeutics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said although his and other research studies show efficacy for the use of psychedelic mushrooms, the voter-approved measure has many vague issues that need to be worked through.

Steamboat Pilot & Today, Nov. 20, 2022



[How to Cope If Family Gatherings Trigger Your Social Anxiety](#)

“It’s normal to feel like a broken record when you’re sharing the things you decide to disclose to family or friends,” **Mandy Doria**, a licensed professional counselor and assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, tells SELF.

Self, Nov. 22, 2022



[Opinion: To realize the promise of DNA-driven medicine, genetic libraries need to be more diverse](#)

Column by **Ankita Arora**, who wrote it as part of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Advocacy Training Program. “The Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine, a partnership between UCHHealth and University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus, has developed a **Biobank** of patients’ DNA and blood samples. This initiative has, so far, **identified 60 patients** who have genes identified with higher risks of diseases such as breast and other cancers, and heart failure.”

Colorado Sun, Nov. 19, 2022



[Colleges Brace for More Pregnant and Parenting Students](#)

Whitney Phinney, a former graduate student at the University of Colorado’s medical campus, thought she had permission to bring her infant daughter, Sunny, to class. She’d spoken to the professor about her child-care challenges, and the professor had been sympathetic, telling Phinney that she’d put herself through law school with three children under the age of five.

Chronicle of Higher Education, Nov. 21, 2022