



Purple Flags Outside Pavilion D Mark 1,881 Overdoses



One thousand eight hundred eighty-one flags in the lawn outside Pavilion D represent the 1,881 people who died in Colorado from overdose in 2021 – a 27% increase over the year before. The numbers are even more startling in Denver, where drug overdose deaths have more than doubled in the last two years.

Denver Health's Center for Addiction Medicine remembered lives lost, raised awareness and reduced stigma in an Overdose Awareness Day event on the main campus yesterday. In case you missed it, you can watch a recording of the 30-minute program in the link below. Dr. Scott Simpson, a psychiatrist and the medical director of Psychiatric Emergency Services at Denver Health, shared at the event why he's proud to provide addiction treatment and explained in a news opinion column how he hopes the public health catastrophe will be reversed.



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Center for Addiction Medicine Calling for Workgroup Leaders

[Learn how](#)

The Center for Addiction Medicine (CAM) is recruiting two leaders for their new workgroups: one leader for the center's Inclusive & Compassionate Care Workgroup and one leader for their Full Continuum of Care Workgroup. "This is an amazing opportunity for professional development, leadership, and to be engaged in systems change efforts across our organization that relate to substance misuse and increasing services for individuals with substance use disorders," said Alia Palacio, administrative assistant for the CAM.

New Virtual Option for Therapy, Psychiatry and Urgent Mental Health



Employees and other people covered under Denver Health Medical Plan have a new, virtual option for mental health care. The plan now covers therapy, psychiatry and urgent mental health visits by phone and video through Elevate Mind.

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Telework Agreement: Electronic Signature Due September 30

Employees who work remotely are required to electronically sign a Denver Health telework agreement by September 30. If you work from home on a regular or recurring basis and were hired before April of this year, you should have received the agreement yesterday in an email from DocuSign titled "[EXTERNAL] Please DocuSign: Denver Health Telework Agreement."

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You only need to complete the agreement in DocuSign. The Human Resources (HR) Department provided clarification on how to submit the agreement.

[See clarification](#)

RECOGNIZING YOU

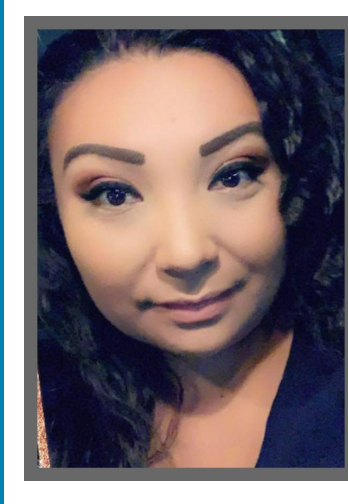
Six Employees Recognized in Denver Health's Quarter 2 Awards

Did you know Denver Health recognizes six employees every quarter through our Rewards & Recognition program? An employee recognition committee just selected our 2022 second quarter honorees.



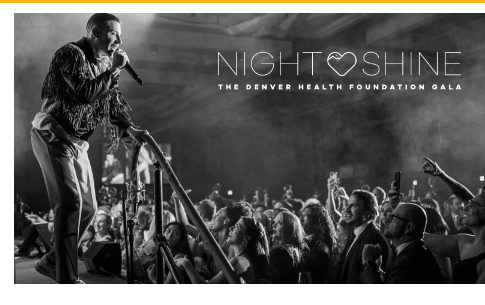
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One of them is Ariana Ibarbol (pictured below), a patient access manager. Ibarbol's efforts getting a patient in for surgery saved him from infection and a possible amputation.



STAY INFORMED

Denver Health Foundation Gala Raises \$1.4 Million



Saturday's Denver Health Foundation NightShine Gala raised \$1.4 million to benefit Denver Health's Center for Equity, Diversity and Opportunity (CEDO) and its Workforce Development Center.

The event's featured entertainer, Grammy award-winning rapper Macklemore, stopped in at the Outpatient Medical Center to visit patients and staff before the show.

[See more](#)



Nighttime Education Program Celebrates 5 Years at Denver Health



[Learn about program](#)

Denver Health's nighttime medical education program for internal medicine residents, Red Eye Rounds, is celebrating its five-year anniversary. "The program shows our commitment to education, even in the middle of the night, and is a highlight in our division," said Dr. Marisa Echaniz (pictured in the front row on the left), a Denver Health hospitalist who co-created the program in 2017 with the Red Eye Rounds task force.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Follow-up to Your Feedback: Support for Employee Well-being

[Read about support](#)

Denver Health's 2022 Employee Engagement Survey will open September 28 – October 12. The survey is your opportunity to let leaders know what's working well and what needs improvement. Your voice matters, and the feedback you share leads to real changes. In advance of the survey, a series of stories in the 411 is highlighting Denver Health's progress and achievements since the previous survey in 2020. Denver Health leaders want you to know that your voice matters and the feedback you provide leads to real changes. This week's story looks at Denver Health's support for your well-being.

September

Sept. 9: Brain Injury Panel for Spanish Speakers

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SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE WEEKLY 411

Submit content for consideration in the Weekly 411 through the employee outreach request form [here](#). Accuracy and quality matter, so please provide all material as early as possible. Your submission should detail who, what, when, where, why and how, with correct spelling and explanation of acronyms. We encourage you to include photos and any links or attachments that may help to communicate your message. Content received after noon on Tuesday will be considered for the following week's edition.

