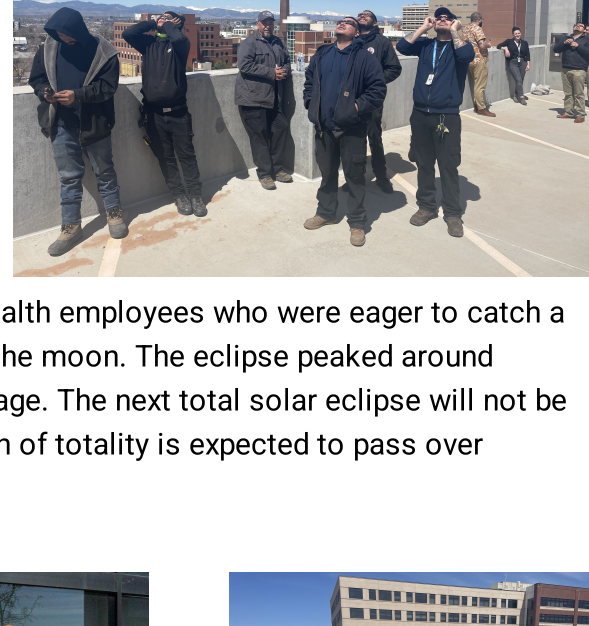
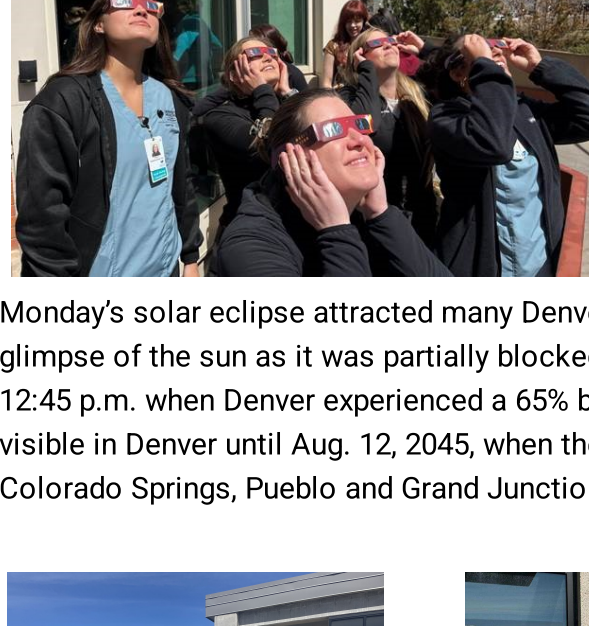
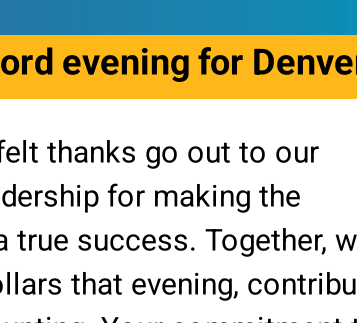
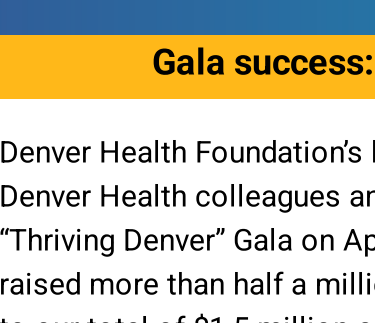


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## Denver Health employees marvel at solar eclipse



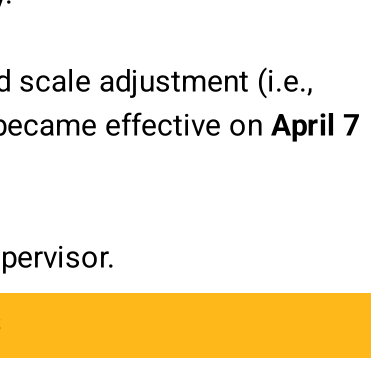
Monday's solar eclipse attracted many Denver Health employees who were eager to catch a glimpse of the sun as it was partially blocked by the moon. The eclipse peaked around 12:45 p.m. when Denver experienced a 65% blockage. The next total solar eclipse will not be visible in Denver until Aug. 12, 2024, when the path of totality is expected to pass over Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Grand Junction.



## STAY INFORMED

### Gala success: Record evening for Denver Health Foundation

Denver Health Foundation's heartfelt thanks go out to our Denver Health colleagues and leadership for making the "Thriving Denver" Gala on April 6 a true success. Together, we raised more than half a million dollars that evening, contributing to our total of \$1.5 million and counting. Your commitment to Denver Health's mission is at the heart of our success. A special thank you to our Denver Health Champions, all living Denver mayors, including current mayor Michael Johnston, and former mayors Wellington E. Webb, Guillermo "Bill" Vidal and U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (pictured with **Foundation Executive Director Crystal Potter Rivera** and CEO **Donna Lynne**) for their invaluable support and presence.



See more photos

### Non-provider pay increase and adjustments now visible in Workday

Annual pay increases for non-providers are now visible in Workday.

The increases include the annual increase, one-time lump-sum and scale adjustment (i.e., bring to range minimum) pay increases for eligible non-providers became effective on **April 7** with the new pay rates reflected in paychecks starting, **April 30**.

If you have any questions, please connect with your immediate supervisor.

### Cyber-security improvements

Employees using the AnyConnect login will soon notice a change in access requirements. Rather than clicking the green approve checkmark on the Duo mobile app, you will be asked to input a passcode, or PIN, to verify permission to access our systems. This change will apply to all Duo-access systems, including DHREMOTEACCESS, and will take effect on **April 22, 2024**. There is one exemption at this time - this change will not apply to physicians who e-prescribe.

Additionally, to best protect Denver Health from cyber-attacks, the cyber-security team has enabled geo blocking. Employees can no longer access Microsoft Office 365 email while outside of the United States. Mail can still be accessed via XenMobile and over VPN/AnyConnect.

All employees will soon be participating in mandatory phishing training as well to identify and prevent cyber attacks.

### CAM Words Matter kick-off starts Monday

**Monday, April 15** marks the kickoff for the Center for Addiction Medicine's (CAM) Words Matter campaign.



#### What is Words Matter?

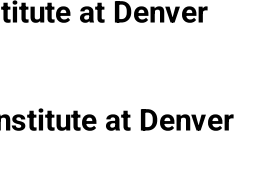
It's a language transformation effort. The CAM team will be hosting events throughout the week to educate our health system on how to reduce stigmatizing language in Denver Health patient notes and interactions.

Be sure to participate in one of the following events next week and [take the Words Matter Pledge!](#)

- **11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16:** Stop by CAM's tables in the Good Day Café and 2nd Floor Pav L Café
- **noon-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17:** Join CAM Academy's Words Matter Lunch and Learn  
[Add the lunch and learn to your calendar](#) or [Join the day-of WebEx](#)
- **11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18:** Stop by CAM's tables in the Good Day Café and 2nd Floor Pav L

### Help us reach a YouTube milestone: 10,000 subscribers

Are you a subscriber to Denver Health's YouTube page? If not, you are missing out on some great videos about the incredible work we do here, like [this latest one profiling trauma patients](#). Now is a great time to subscribe, because we are less than 400 away from reaching 10,000 subscribers! That is a big achievement for YouTube and a milestone many do not reach. To stay up to date on our latest videos and great content, just head to [Denver Health's YouTube page](#) and click on the subscribe button! New features are added regularly.



## EARNING TRUST

2024-26 STRATEGIC PLAN

### Jefferson County Public Health announces new Chief Medical Officer team

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) recently announced the appointment of its new Chief Medical Officer team. The team will work directly with JCPH clinical and department leadership to provide guidance in clinical practice, direct medical responses during public health emergencies and break down barriers to care in Jefferson County. The Chief Medical Officer team includes:

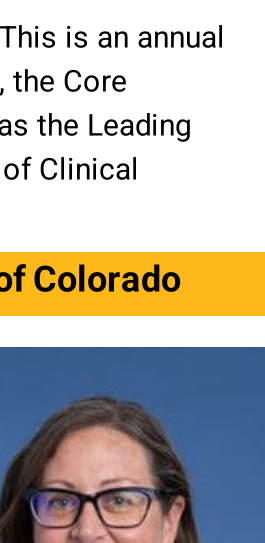
- **Robert Belknap, MD, executive director of the Public Health Institute at Denver Health**
- **Judith Shlay, MD, MSPH, associate director of the Public Health Institute at Denver Health**
- **Seth Foldy, MD, MPH, medical epidemiologist at the Public Health Institute at Denver Health**
- **Amy Beeson, MD, internal medicine physician at Denver Health**

This new appointment demonstrates Denver Health's commitment to collaborative partnerships within the community, improving the quality of care for all and guiding us toward our vision of being Colorado's most trusted health care provider.

## CAREER PATHWAYS

### Kelly Gettman named Director of Patient Safety and Quality at Denver Health

The Department of Patient Safety and Quality is pleased to announce that **Kelly Gettman RN, MBA- HA, NC-BC**, has accepted the position of Director of Patient Safety, Quality, and Regulatory Compliance at Denver Health. Kelly has worked at Denver Health for 25 years and has held roles as a Senior Quality RN, and Regulatory Compliance at Denver Health. Kelly has worked at Denver Health for 25 years and has held roles as a Senior Quality RN, and Regulatory Compliance at Denver Health. Kelly has worked at Denver Health for 25 years and has held roles as a Senior Quality RN, and Regulatory Compliance at Denver Health.

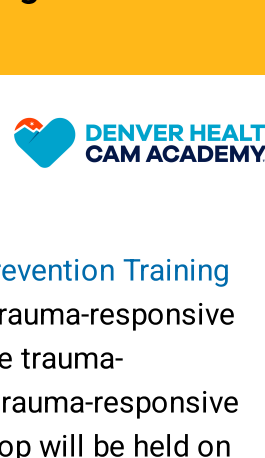


Over Kelly's many years of dedication to the organization, she has developed a broad network of relationships and deep knowledge of patient safety, quality, and regulatory affairs. Please join us in congratulating Kelly!

## RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

### Denver Health-led study finds pregnant people decreasingly believe COVID-19 vaccines are safe

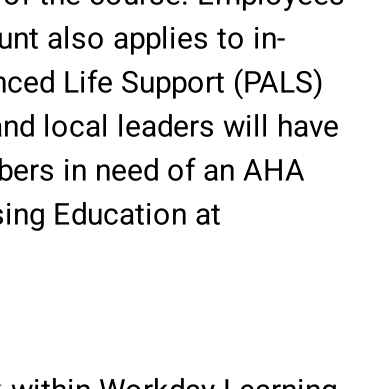
Research led by **Josh Williams, MD, FAAP, pediatrician at the Wellington Webb Pediatric Clinic**, showing a decrease in the perception of the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine among some groups of insured pregnant and recently pregnant individuals was published in JAMA Network Open this week. The study, "Attitudes Toward COVID-19 Vaccines Among Pregnant and Recently Pregnant Individuals," concludes that changes in COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and perceptions of the vaccine's safety, despite accruing evidence of the opposite, are a public health concern. You can read a story on the VSD team's work with vaccine hesitancy in the [March issue](#) of our new patient newsletter *Journeys*.



## RECOGNIZING YOU

### Core Lab receives accreditation; celebrates Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

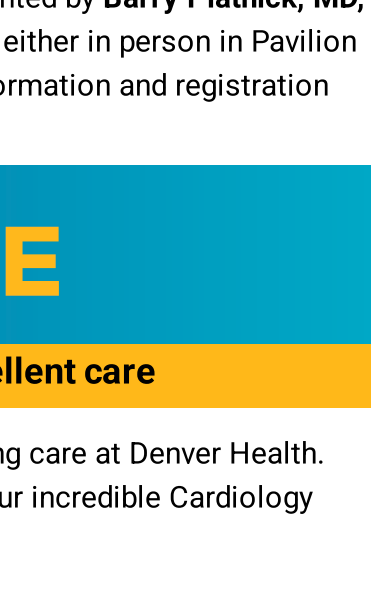
Congratulations to our Lab for a great Joint Commission review and for being recognized as a leader in care provision, focusing on state-of-the-art performance improvement strategies and continuously improving the safety and quality of care. Our lab provides safe and effective care at the highest value, assisting in diagnosing medical conditions, treatment planning and disease monitoring.



Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is also taking place **April 14-20**. This is an annual recognition of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists. In 2023, the Core Laboratory received Denver Health's Accountability Values Award as well as the Leading Laboratories designation by the Joint Commission and American Society of Clinical Pathology.

### Sarah Stella, MD, receives top honors from University of Colorado

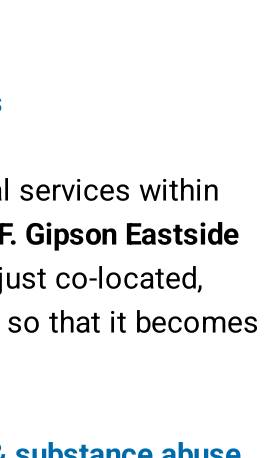
The University of Colorado (CU) has named its recipient for the 2024 Department of Medicine Faculty and Staff Awards. Denver Health's **Sarah Stella, MD, hospitalist physician** and associate professor of medicine at the CU School of Medicine, received the Excellence in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety award. These awards are given to faculty and staff who have made extraordinary, innovative, and transformative contributions to the various missions of the CU Department of Medicine. Congratulations to Dr. Stella on receiving this award and demonstrating a continued commitment to patients and our community.



## GET INVOLVED

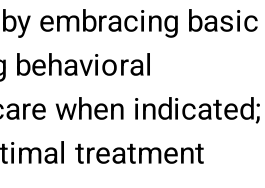
### Be inspired at this year's Trauma Survivors Fun Run

Denver Health Trauma and Orthopedics teams invite you to join the Denver Health Trauma Survivors Fun Run - a free 5K or 1-mile walk, run or wheel event on **Saturday, May 11, at Berkeley Lake Park, 4601 W 46th Ave, Denver, CO 80212**. The run, walk or wheel will start at **9 a.m.**, but we encourage participants to arrive at **8 a.m.** to check in, grab swag and listen to patients' and survivors' stories. Street parking and parking lots are available around the park. This community event will bring together trauma survivors, family members and caregivers to share stories, provide support and celebrate life. [Registration](#) must be completed by **April 15** to ensure your T-shirt size. Later registrations can pick up a T-shirt on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to volunteer for the event, you are welcome to sign up [here](#).



### Center for Addiction Medicine Academy offering Trauma-responsive Care workshop

Denver Health's **Center for Addiction Medicine Academy** provides training and technical assistance on trauma-responsive substance use disorder treatment for Colorado and surrounding regions.



In partnership with the Public Health Institute at Denver Health's **Denver Prevention Training Center**, Denver Health's CAM Academy has launched a three-hour virtual Trauma-responsive Care workshop to increase knowledge and skills to deliver compassionate trauma-responsive care. This workshop will provide strategies for how to create trauma-responsive care environments to foster healing in the patients we serve. This workshop will be held on **May 16, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15** and offers CNE and CME credits. It is offered at no cost for Denver Health employees. To register, [select your preferred course date here](#) and we will waive the registration fee.

### Expand your career: Join Denver CARES for substance use disorder training

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge related to substance use disorder? Denver CARES withdrawal management facility provides the courses required for those who wish to pursue certified addiction counselor certification or continue their professional development. Our department offers [training](#) on topics such as trauma-informed care, addiction counseling skills, motivational interviewing, infectious diseases, verbal de-escalation and more. You can find additional information by visiting our website [here](#) or by reaching out to the training department directly at 303-436-3570 or [bhstraining@dnhha.org](mailto:bhstraining@dnhha.org).

### Life support training changes

Denver Health encourages employees to take American Heart Association (AHA) courses through or American Heart Association Training Center. Basic Life Support (BLS) has been provided at no cost, but this summer, course participation will require a small fee discounted at a 75% rate for in-person BLS courses. The discounted fee for employees helps cover the cost for cards and library books associated with the completion of the course. Employees wishing to take BLS will pay \$20 beginning in July. The 75% discount also applies to in-person Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) courses. BLS will remain free through **June 30, 2024**. Educators and local leaders will have access to discount codes, which they can distribute to staff members in need of an AHA certification. To obtain these discount codes, please contact Nursing Education at [NursingEducationAHA@dnhha.org](mailto:NursingEducationAHA@dnhha.org) or (303) 602-2703.

To view the AHA courses and open seats, please visit [Denverhealthnursing.ed.enrollware.com](https://denverhealthnursing.ed.enrollware.com). You can also find this link within Workday Learning.

Please note that new hires requiring basic life support training will register for their courses with guidance from recruitment.

Community members also are invited to register for courses through Denver Health.

### Join us for this month's Trauma Lecture Series

Please join us **Wednesday, April 17 from noon - 1:00 p.m.** for this month's "Trauma Lecture Series: **Primary Palliative Care for the Surgical Intensive Care Unit**" presented by **Barry Platnick, MD, director of the surgical intensive care unit at Denver Health**. Join either in person in Pavilion D, 2nd floor conference room 222 or via Webex. For additional information and registration click [here](#).

## GRATITUDE

### Cardiology department praised for excellent care

It is rewarding to hear from patients who have received outstanding care at Denver Health. This week, we would like to highlight a five-star online review of our incredible Cardiology department team!

*"I found the doctors and staff to be warm, patient and understanding of any fears I may have had. Everything was explained at a level I could comprehend and all questions were answered without hesitation. Time and again, I was asked if I understood and if I had additional questions. I was never hurried through."*

We encourage staff to ask patients to leave a positive review online, as a higher rating helps build trust in our community. Every star counts!

## IN THE NEWS

The 411 highlights top stories of the week. Please visit [In the News on the Pulse](#) for a rundown of all recent stories featuring Denver Health.

### Doctors take on dental duties to reach low-income and uninsured patients

**April 9, CBS News**  
"Federally qualified health centers have a long history of co-locating dental services within their systems," **Patricia Braun, pediatrician at the Denver Health Bernard F. Gipson Eastside Family Health Center**, said. "We're taking that next step where care is not just co-located, meaning, say, we're upstairs and dental is downstairs, but we're integrated so that it becomes part of the same visit for the patient."

### Denver Health talks 'STEP Program' for adolescents with mental illness & substance abuse troubles

**April 9, Great Day Colorado**  
Numbers for mental illnesses among adolescents are on the rise across the country, but unfortunately, battles with mental illness can also lead to substance abuse. Denver Health helps local families address these growing issues. GDC spoke with **Mario Lintz, MD, PhD, about the STEP Program** they have that provides therapeutic support to youth in our local community.

### Addressing Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care: Revisiting Core Primary Care Principles to Confidently Initiate Treatment

**April 3, Journal of General Internal Medicine**  
The paper, co-authored by **Jarratt Pytell, MD**, underscores that "significant systemic changes in healthcare, including in primary care" will help address the national opioid overdose epidemic. Primary care providers, the authors note, can support the effort by embracing basic primary care principles of "adopting a medication-first approach; delivering behavioral interventions to support medication treatment with referrals to specialty care when indicated; and eliciting patient narratives through active listening to determine an optimal treatment approach."

### National awareness and recognitions

April 11-17 is **Black Maternal Health Week**. Is there a department that you'd like us to recognize during a special week or month? Let us know in a [Marketing request form](#) and we'll spotlight them in the 411.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April | May

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| <b>April 12:</b> Wear a blue or green Denver Health T-shirt for National Blue and Green Day                                | <b>April 18:</b> CAM Academy Words Matter information table at OMC and Good Day Café |
| <b>April 12:</b> Denver Health flag raising event at the Bannock St. garage flag pole                                      | <b>April 17:</b> Spanish financial workshop: Credit Scores                           |
| <b>April 15:</b> Registration deadline for Trauma Fun Run to ensure t-shirt size   | <b>April 17:</b> RESTORE Group Support: Migrant Humanitarian Crisis                  |
| <b>April 16:</b> CAM Academy Words Matter information table at OMC and Good Day Café                                       | <b>April 22:</b> Meditation Monday   |
| <b>April 16:</b> RESTORE Group Support: Black/African American Affinity  | <b>May 2:</b> Children's Hospital Mobile Blood Drive at Rita Bass                    |
| <b>April 17:</b> Workday Wednesdays  | <b>May 7:</b> RESTORE Group Support: Grief & Loss                                    |
| <b>April 17:</b> Trauma Lecture Series: Primary Palliative Care for the Surgical Intensive Care for the Surgical Intensive | <b>May 8:</b> Fidelity retirement planner on-campus                                  |
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|  | <b>May 13:</b> American Red Cross Blood donation                                     |
|  | <b>May 16:</b> Trauma-Responsive Care Workshop                                       |
|  | <b>May 30:</b> Fidelity retirement planner on-campus                                 |

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