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Safety and security update: New operations center activated

Editor's note: As part of biweekly communication in the 411, we will detail the progression of work in the areas of safety and security at Denver Health.

Denver Health's **Security Operations Center** in Pavilion J will become the 24/7 home for security dispatchers in 2023, helping to reduce officers' response times to incidents on the main campus.

The SOC, pronounced "sock," is the security team's new communications hub, which allows dispatch to communicate with officers in the field and with law enforcement while monitoring scenes in real time.



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COMINGS & GOINGS

Announcing two new senior leaders

Denver Health has filled two long-standing vacant senior leadership roles that will help the health care system advance its mission and strategic objectives with our staff, patients and community.

Dr. Steven Federico is our new **chief government and community affairs officer**. He is currently the director of general pediatrics and school and community programs, and is an associate professor of general pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. His past work at Denver Health has been as director of service for pediatrics in our community health centers and medical director of school-based health centers. In his new role, which he will start in January, Dr. Federico will lead our government relations efforts in better establishing partnerships with and advocating to city, state and federal leaders and groups on behalf of Denver Health.



Jacque Montgomery joins Denver Health as our new **chief communications officer**. Jacque is currently the director of advancement and external affairs at Colorado Academy. She served as the press secretary for the state of Colorado in the governor's office from 2017-2019, worked as an executive communications consultant at Kaiser Permanente, and prior to that was the executive director of media relations and communications at the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus. Jacque will start the last week of December and will lead our communications and marketing team in the areas of internal and external communications, marketing, brand and reputation management, media and crisis communications, and will help advise on outreach communication efforts to our patients and community.



STAY INFORMED

Moment of silence for victims of gun violence



Denver Health employees and their families gathered Wednesday on the main campus for a moment of silence for victims of gun violence. The national remembrance honored lives lost, and those impacted, by gun violence. This month marks the 10th anniversary of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Denver Health Discount Program offers savings around holidays



Head into the holiday season with great savings from your **Denver Health Discount Program**. Say "Yay!" to these exclusive benefits for an inflation-busting, budget-friendly season of gifting. Also discover the wellness discounts that can help you achieve your wellness goals. Browse savings on gym memberships, online therapy and meditation programs, at-home fitness options, and more, all available with your Denver Health Discount Program. Start by signing up or logging in at denverhealth.perkspot.com and browse thousands of discounts!

Nonprofit offers free toys to families in need



The Denver Santa Claus Shop is hosting its annual toy giveaway for eligible families from **10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9; Saturday, Dec. 10; Monday, Dec. 12; and Tuesday, Dec. 13** at 2500 E. First Ave. The nonprofit collects and gives families a chance to shop for free toys each December. We encourage you to share this with someone who could benefit from the program. To qualify, families must be residents of Denver, have at least one child 11 or younger, and receive services from Denver Human Services or a community partner. For more information or to register, visit denversantaclausshop.org.



GET INVOLVED

Give to families in need this holiday season

Denver Health traditionally hosts a Secret Pal holiday program to support employee families in need. This year, the Denver Health Foundation has two different opportunities to give, where 100% of your donations directly benefit employee assistance.

The **Employee Relief Fund** provides financial assistance to Denver Health employees facing economic hardship because of a natural disaster or emergency, and the **Small Dollar Loan Program** offers zero-interest, small-dollar loans up to \$1,000 that are paid back through payroll deductions over 12 months.

Anyone who is interested can [make a financial contribution](#) on the Denver Health Foundation's website through **Dec. 10**. We plan to revisit the Secret Pal holiday program next year. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please email Kristin.Ellis@dhha.org.

RECOGNIZING YOU

Thousands of employees take part in Holiday Brunch

Thanks to the Food and Nutrition Services department, the 65 volunteers and the thousands of employees who made the 2022 Holiday Brunch a success on Wednesday. Some 1,847 employees came through the Good Day Café for brunch, and 749 skip-the-line meals were sent out. That's 2,596 total meals.



Health care in the news: What's trending around the state and nation

- Flu, COVID-19 activity **up after Thanksgiving** nationwide.
- U.S. plans to end **mpox public health emergency** in January.
- Colorado **opens new beds** for mental health care, but needs more.

Want to share health care and health policy news? Email us stories from around Colorado and the nation at public_relations@dhha.org.

December

Dec. 9, 10, 12, 13: Toy giveaways
Dec. 10: Deadline for holiday employee assistance giving

Dec. 15 & 22: Gift-wrapping for pediatric patients
Dec. 20: Blood drive



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