

OMC opens more operating rooms to meet increased demand



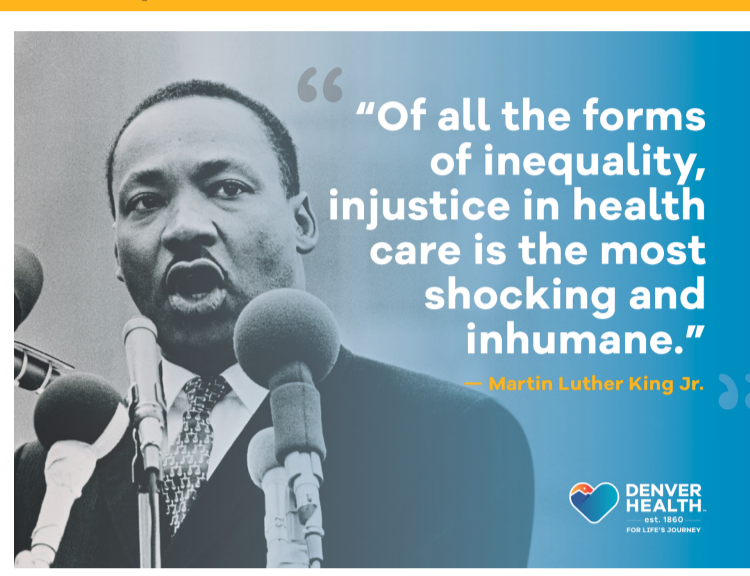
The Perioperative Department and Denver Health leaders celebrated the grand opening of two additional operating rooms at the Outpatient Medical Center on Monday. The OMC opened in 2021 with four operating rooms that were fully operational, two more that were built out but unused, and space for two more that would require construction. Specialty clinic volumes have increased significantly since the OMC opened, and the Perioperative team has worked hard to expand the block allocation of surgical services to meet demand. The opening of operating rooms L5 and L6 is crucial to ensuring patients receive timely surgeries and will limit the potential that they seek operative care elsewhere.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Employees invited to celebrate MLK Day at 38th annual 'Marade'

More than just a day off for some Americans, on **Monday, Jan. 16**, we will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This national observance honors the life and achievements of the civil rights leader, remembered for his campaigns to end racial segregation and for racial equality in the United States. Monday is also a day of service, and all are encouraged to give back to our communities. Join the Public Health Institute at Denver Health and the Health Equity Anti-Racist Transformation (HEAT) team during the 38th annual "Marade" (a march and a parade) along Colfax Avenue and ending at Civic Center Park (gathers at 9:30 a.m. and starts at 10:45 a.m.). The HEAT team partners and collaborates with community organizations to drive and support meaningful health-related change. Cherishing Life Youth Transformation will also be on hand to educate and promote youth wellness programs and services. Stop by the table for free at-home COVID-19 tests, a thermometer, swag items, mpox information, or just to chat. Learn more about this celebration [here](#) and see event [details here](#).



Join Denver Health's LGBTQ+ employee resource group

In an effort to advance LGBTQ+ initiatives — and connect workers who represent lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/gender expanse, queer, questioning and ally communities — Denver Health employees established PRISM, or Pride Representatives in Service of Medicine. The LGBTQ+ employee resource group is open to all employees, including students and contractors.



PRISM's mission is to highlight and celebrate our LGBTQ+ employees by creating, maintaining and enabling communication channels such as email and newsletters among LGBTQ+ employees, allies and Denver Health leadership. PRISM also raises awareness by advocating, educating and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion best practices in all projects.

Join PRISM today by filling out this [this form](#); you will have access to PRISM newsletters and invitations to events, meetings and celebrations. Meetings are at noon on the last Thursday of each month. Learn more about PRISM's mission and goals in its [charter](#). If you have questions or ideas, please email LGBTQ+@dhha.org.



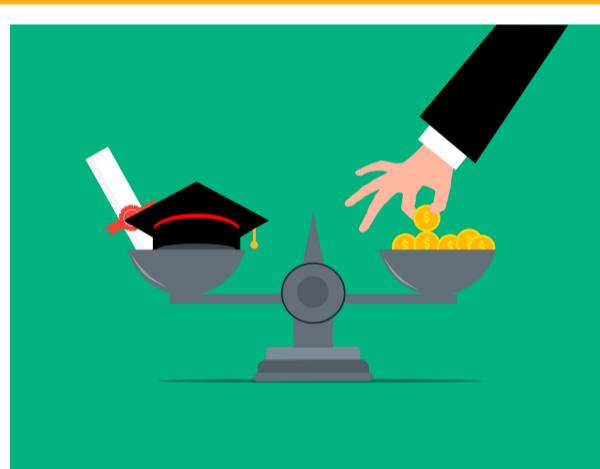
February listening sessions welcome feedback from physicians

We've heard from thousands of Denver Health employees and have added a couple more listening sessions to ensure a greater physician voice. Physicians are invited to join CEO Donna Lynne and other leaders at 4:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 2**, in the Sabin classroom in Pavilion C or at noon **Tuesday, Feb. 7**, in Room 927 in the 601 Broadway building. Some 3,000 Denver Health employees attended the previous listening sessions in November and December. The feedback received in these sessions will help shape the goals, visions and strategic objectives of Denver Health in 2023 and beyond.

STAY INFORMED

Learn about Colorado college savings program for families

Are you looking for a way to save for college for children, grandchildren or even yourself? Denver Health has partnered with the nonprofit [CollegeInvest](#) to offer employees access to Colorado's 529 college savings program. This program allows you to use tax-advantaged college savings plans for higher education expenses. Learn about your options and get a free lunch from 11 a.m.-noon on **Wednesday, Jan. 25**, in the Sabin classroom in the basement of Pavilion C. All attendees will receive a free \$50 starter account. You can [register here](#), and space is limited. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with more details. Email kristin.ellis@dhha.org with questions.



Security changes coming to your email

Beginning **Jan. 26**, expect to see some important changes to your Denver Health email. Our IT security team is upgrading to a new email security system to better protect you and Denver Health against phishing and other malicious email attacks. The changes you will see are to emails you receive from outside of Denver Health's network (also known as external emails).

These are the top changes to look for:

- Any emails deemed spam, malicious or bulk email will no longer be delivered. Spam or bulk email will show up in a daily digest, which you can then choose to release to your inbox if they are indeed legitimate or block the sender if they are not.
- Hovering over links in emails to check to see if they come from a legitimate source will look slightly different, with all containing "urldefense.proofpoint.com" at the beginning, in addition to the link. As a reminder, there is a button at the top right of your Outlook to click to alert our security team about malicious emails you receive anytime. Encryption of protected health information (typing 'PHI' into the subject line of emails) will not change with the upgrade.

For more on these changes, please refer to [the guide here](#).

Register for full-day diabetes education conference in February

Denver Health is hosting "Diabetes Education Conference: Getting to the Heart of Diabetes Care" in the Sabin classroom and virtually over Webex from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 13**. The conference will discuss current evidence and recommendations for supporting people with diabetes who also have or are at risk for cardiovascular disease. Presenters will include a diverse panel of experts in endocrinology, cardiology, pharmacy, dietetics, care management and cardiac rehab. At the end of the conference, the Denver Health RESTORE team will offer a special session for attendees. Registration costs \$35 and can be completed in Cornerstone for in-person and virtual attendance. Visit the [Pulse](#) and click on Cornerstone Learning under Employee Resources at the bottom of the page. Once in Cornerstone, go to the Learning tab and then Events Calendar to find the Feb. 13 conference.



Research focuses on cost of care associated with opioid use disorder treatment

There is a lot of great research work happening here at Denver Health, and today we are highlighting work in the area of treating opioid use disorder. **Rachel Everhart, Ph.D.**, along with **Josh Durfee, Laura Podewils, Ph.D., Josh Blum, MD, Dean McEwen** and **Rebecca Hanratty, MD**, found the use of medication to treat opioid use disorder is associated with decreased Medicaid spending. Dr. Everhart and the team determined that Denver Health patients with opioid use disorder who initiated medication treatment but were not linked to ongoing care had the highest health care costs, while those who received medication treatment for opioid use disorder and were linked to ongoing treatment had the lowest costs. This analysis adds to the ongoing effort to ensure Medicaid coverage of medication for opioid use disorder and supports additional research into coverage for services and resources linking persons with opioid use disorder to ongoing medication treatment. The study was funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, recognized in their Dec. 20 News Now and appears in the journal Preventive Medicine. Read the [abstract here](#).

Denver Health welcomes input on legislative issues

The Denver Health Government and Community Relations Department advocates at the local, state and federal levels in support of strengthening the health care safety net to ensure access to quality services. The department's goals include promoting Denver Health programs and services; maintaining consistent messaging through internal and external channels; keeping stakeholder groups engaged through education and financial support; and identifying and responding to issue inquiries. Denver Health values your opinion on legislative issues. If there is an issue you feel is important, contact Jackie Zheleznyak, director of government relations, at Jacqueline.Zheleznyak@dhha.org.

GET INVOLVED

Learn about becoming a RESTORE peer responder

Please join RESTORE from noon-1 p.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, in the Sabin classroom in Pavilion C, or virtually via Webex, to learn about becoming a RESTORE peer responder. RESTORE is recruiting new peer responders to join the team, and the goal of this meeting is to provide an overview of the peer responder role and to answer your questions. Bring your own lunch, but coffee and fruit-infused water will be provided. [Learn more here](#). Access the [Webex here](#) using meeting number (access code) 2456 479 7043 and password ZFqBCFFb233.



Denver Health in the media

- **Dr. Sarah Rowan** of the Infectious disease team provided her expertise on the new omicron subvariant in a [Fox31](#) story.
- **Samantha Volk Jennings**, program coordinator with the Public Health Institute at Denver Health, was on [CBS4](#) to promote the importance of getting more adolescents to roll up their sleeves for the HPV vaccine since January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.
- Denver Health was featured in a [Fox31](#) web article about snow shoveling and offered our safety tips to help prevent injury.
- Chief Cardiologist **Dr. Brian Stauffer** was featured on [Denver Health's weekly Fox31 segment](#) last week to talk about cardiac arrest and lifesaving care that was administered after an NFL player collapsed during a Monday Night Football game.

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- Jan. 17:** Denver Health Foundation Night at Ball Arena
Jan. 19: Fidelity well-being webinar
Jan. 18: "Advancing Trauma" webinar
Jan. 24: Learn about RESTORE peer responders
Jan. 25: College savings program session
Jan. 26: Email security upgrade rollout
Jan. 27: Fidelity retirement planning appointment

- Jan. 31:** Zero Workforce Survey closes
Feb. 3: Deadline to apply for Phlebotomy Program
Feb. 7: Fidelity retirement planning appointment
Feb. 13: Diabetes education conference
Feb. 17: Fidelity retirement planning appointment
March 8: Fidelity retirement planning appointment
March 31: Fidelity retirement planning appointment

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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.

