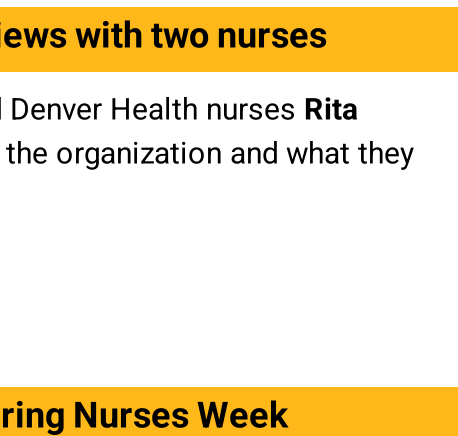
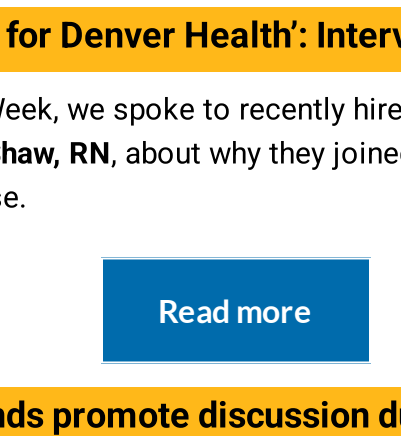
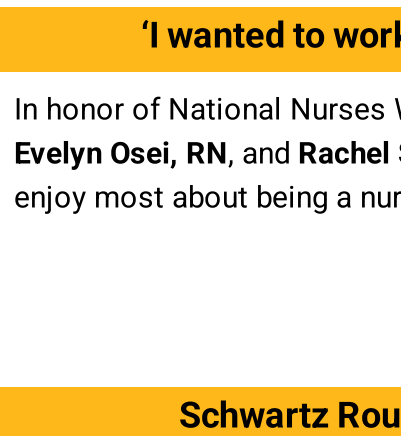
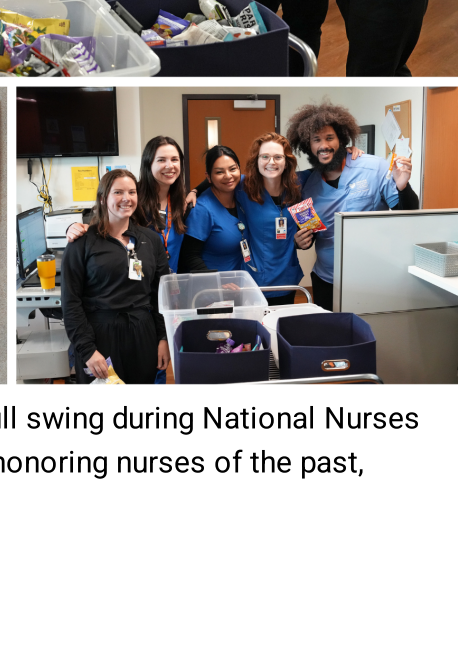


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National Nurses Week to conclude with awards, Hall of Fame unveiling



The celebration of Denver Health's nearly 1,700 nurses is in full swing during National Nurses Week and will culminate Friday, May 10, with a trio of events honoring nurses of the past, present and future.

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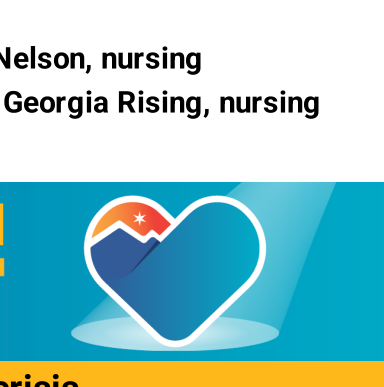
'I wanted to work for Denver Health': Interviews with two nurses

In honor of National Nurses Week, we spoke to recently hired Denver Health nurses **Rita Evelyn Osei, RN**, and **Rachel Shaw, RN**, about why they joined the organization and what they enjoy most about being a nurse.

[Read more](#)

Schwartz Rounds promote discussion during Nurses Week

Schwartz Rounds offers health care providers a regularly scheduled time to openly and honestly discuss the social and emotional issues they face in caring for patients with a focus on the human dimension of medicine. To celebrate Nurses Week, two Schwartz Rounds were held on May 8, one in the morning and another in the evening. In both rounds, the panelists shared their insights on "Looking at Our Values through the lens of Longevity." The panelists spoke with honesty and openness to more than 130 attendees, both in-person and virtually. They discussed pivotal moments in their nursing careers and how they have managed to stay in the field despite dealing with safety concerns and ongoing occupational distress. The panelists also shared how they view Denver Health as a family who will support and care for each other during difficult times. They also discussed ways to deal with stress outside of work. These inspiring sessions underscored the resilience and dedication of Denver Health's nursing staff, highlighting the vital role of community and shared values in sustaining their commitment to care amid challenges.



Pictured from left are morning panelists **Michaela Robertson, RN**, **Lisa Vogel, RN**, director nursing; **Pamela Doyle, RN**, clinical nurse educator; **Kimberly Johnson, RN**, clinical risk manager sr.

Evening panelists included **Robert Varney, charge nurse**; **Jeremy Nelson**, nursing administration manager; **Amy Fielding, RN** informatics specialist; **Georgia Rising**, nursing program manager.

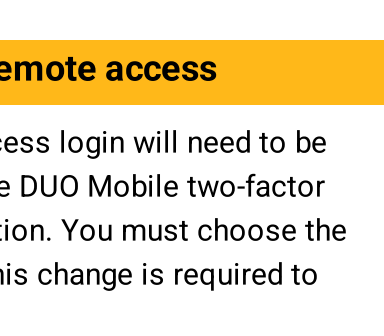
CAM raises awareness of fentanyl crisis

On May 7, the Center for Addiction Medicine (CAM) recognized National Fentanyl Awareness Day, a day of action to raise public awareness about people dying at alarming rates from illegally manufactured fentanyl, a potent synthetic opioid. Started by parents who have lost loved ones to this crisis, National Fentanyl Awareness Day is supported by a coalition of experts, companies and partners who came together to amplify this critical issue. Colorado saw an unprecedented increase in overdose rates in 2023.

[Learn more](#)

New industrial washer installed in Pavilion A

Following extensive planning and procurement, Denver Health has recently replaced one of the industrial washers in Pavilion A, where it stood for more than 25 years. A portion of the wall had to be cut to make room for the new washer. Congratulations to everyone involved for continuing to update our facilities.



STAY INFORMED

Environmental Services reducing service in non-patient areas

To align with organizational financial initiatives, Environmental Services will be making changes to service levels in non-patient care areas. Service will change to three times per week, while maintaining minimum core trash removal service to public areas that include kitchens, restrooms and the fitness center five days per week. Affected areas include, but are not limited to, 601 Broadway, Davis Pavilion, Pavilion E and Pavilion J. We appreciate your support during this transition.

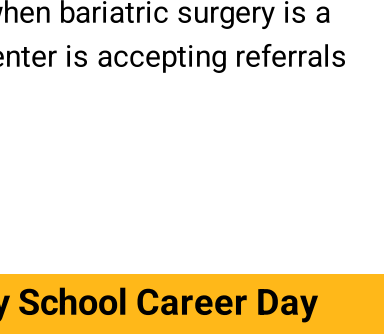
Changes to DUO mobile authentication for remote access

In our continued effort to improve security, changes to remote access login will need to be implemented. Beginning today at **5:30 p.m.**, all employees who use DUO Mobile two-factor authentication for remote access can no longer use the "push" option. You must choose the "Call Me" or "Enter a Passcode" authentication method instead. This change is required to protect against increasing malware and phishing attempts.

[Learn more](#)

New Employee Orientation returns in person

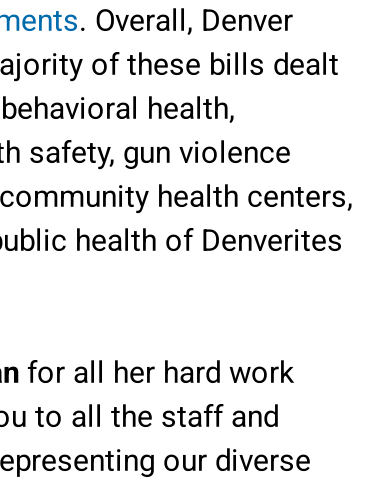
Denver Health's New Employee Orientation has resumed with in-person learning and activities for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, held on Monday and Tuesday, welcomed dozens of new team members into the Denver Health family. Over the day-and-a-half event, senior leaders connected personally by sharing family and work photos while introducing themselves. They discussed their roles, their personal connection to their work, and their reasons for joining Denver Health. **CEO Donna Lynne** opened the event, setting the tone for a dynamic orientation program.



On the second day, presentations covered the extensive benefits of working at Denver Health, including RESTORE, employee learning and growth opportunities, and guidance on navigating the employee lifecycle. New hires are encouraged to align their roles with Denver Health's mission, vision and values, reflect on their purpose, and write a letter to their future selves. New Employee Orientation will continue bi-weekly in person.

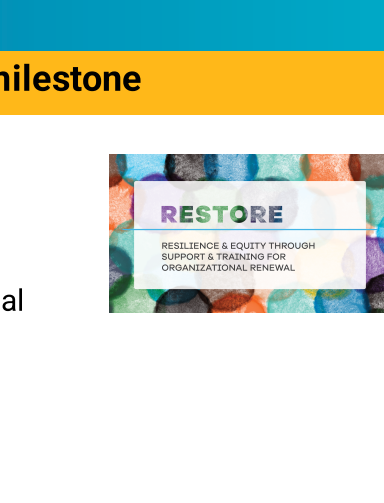
Mobile ordering coming to Main Street Café Starbucks

Food and Nutrition Services is excited to launch the mobile ordering app Everyday for the Main Street Café Starbucks in the basement of Pavilion A. Starting **Monday, May 13**, you can order your favorite customized beverage in advance and pick it up! Download the Everyday app in the Apple App Store or on the Google Play Store.



Healthy eating, diets and weight loss for teens

Here's some advice for your teenagers who say they aren't hungry in the morning: "As long as they are eating real food and not something like hot Cheetos and soda, it's better than skipping a meal and can make it easier to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight."

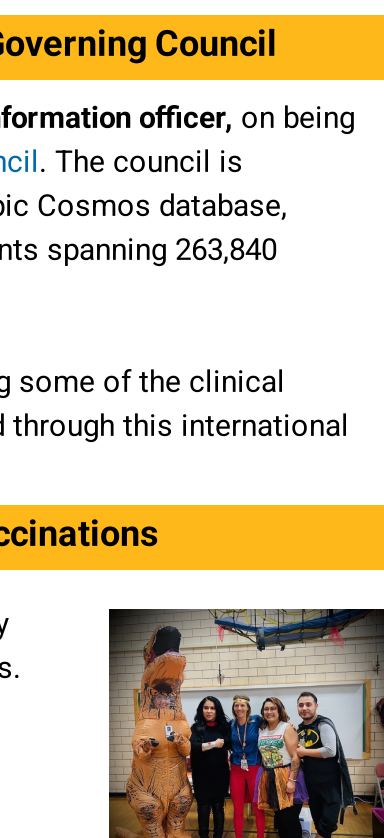


Those words come from **Kathy Love-Osborne, MD**, an adolescent medicine physician who works with teenagers enrolled in the [Denver Health Bariatric Surgery Center](#). As part of National Adolescent Health Month, Dr. Love-Osborne teamed up with adolescent and adult bariatric dietician **Tara Gray, RD**, to write a blog for teens and parents covering everything from weight loss medications to what to eat to stay healthy and when bariatric surgery is a good option. As a reminder, the Denver Health Bariatric Surgery Center is accepting referrals for teens ages 16 or older.

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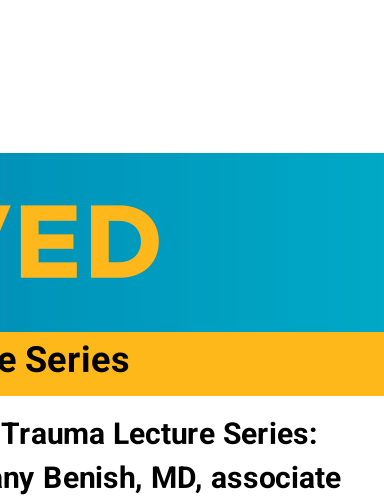
Lasting impacts made during Valverde Elementary School Career Day

Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Boyle, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, and executive assistant **Arelí Campos-Rocha**, visited with 45 first-graders April 26 at Valverde Elementary School during their Career Day. Dr. Boyle and Campos-Rocha spoke with students about nursing and let them listen to their hearts and lungs with a stethoscope. The students were dressed up in outfits that represented who they wanted to be when they grow up, such as a police officer, nurse or doctor. The Career Day included a parade with Denver Health paramedics coming through with lights and sirens to the delight of the Valverde students.



2024 Colorado Legislative session ends

Yesterday, the second regular session of the 74th Colorado General Assembly adjourned. Denver Health had a number of big wins, including a **\$5 million state payment**, the possibility of **ongoing, annual state payments**, and **continuation of Denver Health Medical Plan's Medicaid plan**. We also actively advocated on several important bills that would have a big impact on health care in Colorado, including **medical liability caps**, a **Medicaid 1115 waiver for nutrition and housing**, and changes to both the state's **Hospital Discounted Care program** and **prior authorization requirements**. Overall, Denver Health monitored 181 bills and took a position on 54. The great majority of these bills dealt with the social determinants of health and health equity, including behavioral health, substance use disorder, housing, nutrition, maternal mortality, youth safety, gun violence prevention, health care workforce, and other bills that support our community health centers, school-based health centers, Paramedic Division, and the overall public health of Denverites and Coloradans.



A special shoutout to **Director of Government Relations Katie Ryan** for all her hard work representing Denver Health in the legislative session. And thank you to all the staff and stakeholders who provided information, testimony and advocacy representing our diverse array of issues and expertise.

RECOGNIZING YOU

RESTORE support center reaches new milestone

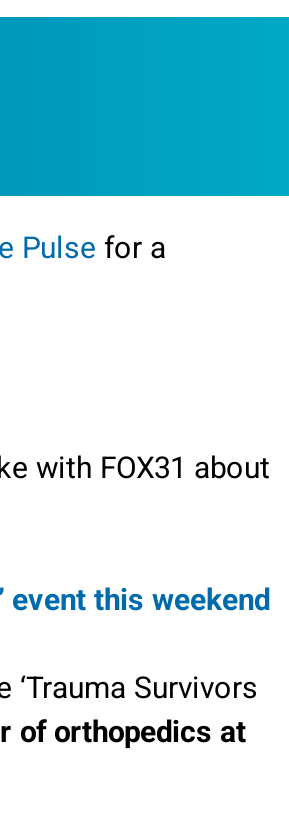
RESTORE has just reached a significant milestone of more than 350,000 touches, which accounts for the significant impact it has made throughout the organization! This milestone reflects Denver Health's commitment to creating an environment that values mental well-being and support. By fostering a culture of connectivity and access, RESTORE contributes to a healthier, more supportive workplace. Thank you to everyone at RESTORE for the impact you make in the lives of those who serve our patients and community every day!



Remember, RESTORE Peer Responders are always available to provide strictly confidential emotional support through the RESTORE 24/7 Peer Support Line at 303-436-7473.

Inspiration awards presented at Youth Health Care Alliance conference in Denver

Congratulations to **Tara Melinkovich, program manager**, and **Shelley Jackson Worstell, manager, business operations**, **Denver School-Based Health Centers**, for receiving Inspiration Awards at the Youth Health Care Alliance Conference in Denver, held May 1-2. Tara and Shelley were recognized for their leadership in the areas of youth-led programming and school-based health center operations and growth. Their dedication and hard work embody the spirit of the Inspiration Awards, significantly impacting youth health care services.



Daniel Kortsch, MD, appointed to Epic Cosmos Governing Council

Congratulations to **Daniel Kortsch, MD, associate chief medical information officer**, on being selected as one of the chairs on the [Epic Cosmos Governing Council](#). The council is comprised of 15 clinical and research leaders and oversees the Epic Cosmos database, which offers member researchers health data on 246 medical patients spanning 263,840 hospital beds and 32,998 clinics.

"It is very exciting to be able to take a role in piloting and designing some of the clinical decision support and data analytics tools that are being developed through this international collaboration," Dr. Kortsch said.

Community carnival champions kids' vaccinations

Recently, the Mobile Health Vaccine Team worked with community partner Julissa Soto to provide much-needed vaccines for students. A carnival was held inside of the Charles M. Schenck Community Elementary School. The carnival was titled Piñatas, Paletas y Piquetes (Piñatas, Popsicles and pokes). Community partners included Life Span Local, Rodeo Dental, Denver Public Schools Community Hub and our very own School-Based Health Center team. While the children were in a jumping castle or eating their fill of fruit cups or popsicles, the mobile team was busy vaccinating the children who needed them for school while making sure everyone had a "super" experience. The staff dressed up as superheroes to create a fun atmosphere for everyone involved.



GET INVOLVED

Join us for this month's Trauma Lecture Series

Please join us from **noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 15**, for the next **Trauma Lecture Series: Preparing for Mass Casualty Incident Trauma**, presented by **Bethany Benish, MD, associate chair and director of trauma anesthesia**. Join either in person in Pavilion D, conference room 222, or via Webex. For additional information and registration click [here](#).

Sign up for Trauma Survivors Fun Run this Saturday

Join us this Saturday for the second annual Denver Health Trauma Survivors Fun Run! This community event offers a 5K or a 1-mile walk, run or wheel at Berkeley Lake Park. The excitement starts at 9 a.m., and we recommend arriving by 8 a.m. to check in, collect some swag and be inspired by the stories of patients and survivors. You'll find plenty of street parking and parking lots around the lake for convenience.

This event is not just a race; it's a gathering of trauma survivors, their families, and caregivers. It's an opportunity to share stories, offer support and celebrate life together. If you've already [registered](#), remember that T-shirts are first-come, first-served, so come early to get yours. If you're interested in helping out, we'd love for you to volunteer. Sign up [here](#).

GRATITUDE

Adult Urgent Care team 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 patient review of our incredible team at the Adult Urgent Care Center!

"The epitome of compassionate care. I've had private insurance all my life, and was so worried that switching to state insurance would mean sacrificing that type of care. However, every experience I've had with Denver Health has been patient, kind and caring. I can't say enough positive things about these folks. They know that health care should be universal and they behave as such. Just wonderful people doing wonderful things. Thank you."

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.

What to know about rattlesnake danger while hiking in Colorado

May 8, Fox31

Shireen Banerji, PharmD, director of Rocky Mountain Poison Center, spoke with FOX31 about rattlesnake safety when enjoying the outdoors in Colorado.

GDC talks to 'Denver Health' about upcoming 'Trauma Survivors Fun Run' event this weekend

May 7, Great Day Colorado

Denver Health is getting ready to host a really fun event this weekend. The 'Trauma Survivors Fun Run' is this Saturday, and GDC spoke with **Cyril Mauffrey, MD, director of orthopedics at Denver Health** to learn more.

Denver Health develops framework to monitor psychedelic medications

May 7, KOA 850

Joshua Black, Ph.D., senior research scientist at RMPDS, joined Colorado's Morning News with Marty Lenz and Jeana Gondek to talk about a newly developed framework for monitoring the use of psychedelic medications.

Denver police pay tribute to longtime supporter with procession

May 6, Fox31

Denver police vehicles escorted the body of Marsha Berger from Denver Health to the Anschutz Medical Campus Monday in a final show of respect. For decades, she attended as many police ceremonies and community events as she could.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

May 11: Trauma Survivors Fun Run

May 13: American Red Cross blood drive

May 15: Trauma Lecture Series: Preparing for Mass

Casualty Incident Trauma

May 16: Trauma-Responsive Care Workshop

May 21: RESTORE Group Support: Black/African

American Affinity

May 22: RESTORE Group Support: Migrant

Humanitarian Crisis

May 30: Fidelity retirement planner on campus

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