



DENVER HEALTH'S WEEKLY 411

The week's most critical information delivered to your inbox.

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Denver Health grateful for veterans, volunteers



Denver Health thanks all veterans working for the health care system and was grateful to see dozens who came by the Good Day Café last Friday for the annual Veterans Day breakfast. We also thank the Food and Nutrition and Patient Experience departments and employees from other departments who volunteered to help serve breakfast to veterans. CEO Donna Lynne was present to meet and thank veterans that morning.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Stay safe by using marked crosswalks

The health and safety of all Denver Health employees is of the utmost importance. With that in mind, we urge staff not to cross any streets outside of a marked crosswalk – specifically employees crossing Sixth Avenue to reach the Acoma Street parking garage. We know the temporary construction at Broadway has made crossing Sixth less convenient, but PLEASE keep yourself and your colleagues as safe as possible by using the crosswalks at Bannock Street or Broadway and only cross when the walk sign is on and it is safe to do so. Thank you for doing your part to help keep everyone safe.



STAY INFORMED

Denver Health hosting mobile blood drive Dec. 20

Blood donations are low during the holidays, so Denver Health is hosting a blood drive with a mobile unit from Children's Hospital Colorado from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on **Dec. 20** on the south side of the Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Insitute, [190 W. Sixth Ave.](#), between Bannock and Acoma streets. We need at least **28 donors** to meet patients' needs. The whole process takes about 45 minutes.

[Learn more and sign up](#)

Spice up your holiday with a mini Bundt cake!

As a gesture of Denver Health's appreciation and gratitude for our team members' hard work and dedication to our mission, please stop by the lobby of Pavilion C next week to pick up a pumpkin spice mini Bundt cake to enjoy during your holiday. On-campus pickup times include:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 22:** 8-10 p.m. (night shift)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 23:** 9-11 a.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 24** (Thanksgiving): 2-4 p.m.



Mini cakes will be delivered to all off-site locations (except for School-Based Health Centers, which are closed) next Monday and/or Tuesday. Staff members will need to present their badge to pick up their mini cake (one per employee).

Tomorrow's CO FAMLI Town Halls moving to Webex-only

Learn more about Denver Health's decision regarding participation in the Colorado Family and Medical Leave Insurance (CO FAMLI) Program **Friday, Nov. 18**, at [10 a.m.](#) or [1:30 p.m.](#) Due to the snow advisory, these final two town hall informational meetings will be held on Webex only. Please register by clicking on your preferred time above, and [read the notice to employees](#) to learn more.

Mastercard contactless payments temporarily disabled

The Good Day Café, Main Street Café, OMC Café and gift shop will temporarily be unable to process MasterCard credit card transactions using tap-to-pay/contactless payment beginning **Monday, Nov. 21**. This change will not impact other methods of payment, including tap-to-pay/contactless payment with other credit card companies or physical MasterCard payments using a card swipe or chip transaction. We appreciate your understanding while IT upgrades the system to resolve the issue.

Denver Fire using Pavilion H area for training exercises

With Pavilion H decommissioned, you may see the Denver Fire Department and some of its ladder trucks in that area for training. The Denver Health Planning and Construction Department is working with Denver Fire to offer the building for training. Buildings of this size offer some of the best real-life training scenarios for firefighters. Please see the map indicating potential designated fire lanes that may be used during training. Contact Carl Kline Jr., director of planning and construction, with any questions at carl.klinejr@dhha.org.



Potential Denver Fire ladder trucks parked here in designated fire lanes during training.

[Click to enlarge map](#)

National awareness and recognitions

Antibiotic Awareness Week, Nov. 18-24, and is an annual event to raise awareness about the importance of appropriate antibiotic use. A key message is to avoid antibiotics for viral infections. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a dramatic rise in antimicrobial resistance. One of the contributing factors was an increase in antibiotic prescriptions for respiratory infections, which were often unnecessary. Supportive care is the mainstay of treatment for viral infections, and antibiotics should only be prescribed when bacterial infections are confirmed or strongly suspected. Learn more about the rise in antimicrobial resistance [here](#) or on the [Denver Health website](#).

Denver Health's **Diabetes Prevention Program** is focusing on prediabetes and preventing type 2 diabetes during **Diabetes Awareness Month** this November. The program is highlighting diabetes risk factors, and educating patients and staff on how to get screened for prediabetes. The condition that leads to diabetes affects one-third of U.S. adults age 18 and up and nearly half of adults age 65 and up, but most don't know they have it. Learn more and find tips on prevention by visiting the [Diabetes Awareness Month page](#) on our website. Please share the webpage with patients.

Saturday, Nov. 19, is [International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day](#).

Nov. 13-19 is [Transgender Awareness Week](#), and **Sunday, Nov. 20**, is [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#).

Nov. 24 is Thanksgiving and [National Family Health History Day](#).

Is there a department that you'd like us to recognize during a special week or month? Let us know in an [Employee Outreach Request form](#) and we'll spotlight them in the 411.

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

- Is this just the beginning [for RSV](#) in Colorado?
- 'It's like a shakedown': Payers, providers ditch hushed [voices in fights](#).
- Parents taking [more sick days](#) than at height of pandemic.
- U.S. home births rise in pandemic, to highest level [in decades](#).

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

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Nov. 10-Dec. 10: [Holiday employee assistance giving](#)
Nov. 18: CO FAMLI Town Halls
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving
Nov. 28-Dec. 5: CEO [listening sessions](#)

Dec. 7: [Holiday brunch](#)
Dec. 8: [Fidelity savings web workshop](#)
Dec. 20: [Blood drive](#)



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SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE
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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.

