

# Good News

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## mRNA flu vaccine trial launches at URM

Pfizer and BioNTech are adapting the technology from their highly successful COVID vaccine to prevent seasonal flu. "If we could produce a flu vaccine that is as effective as the COVID vaccines, it would be a game-changer," said Ann Falsely, co-director of the Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit at URM.

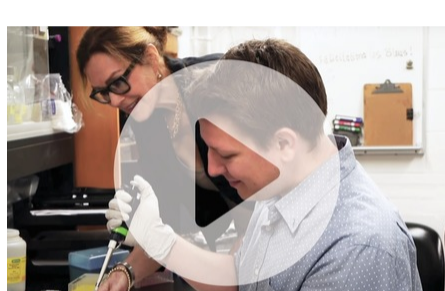
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## Liver transplants offer new hope for some colon cancer patients

For patients who meet the criteria and have the surgery, five-year survival rates can increase from 5 percent with chemotherapy alone to 70 or 80 percent, said Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Alejandra, professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Solid Organ Transplantation at URM.

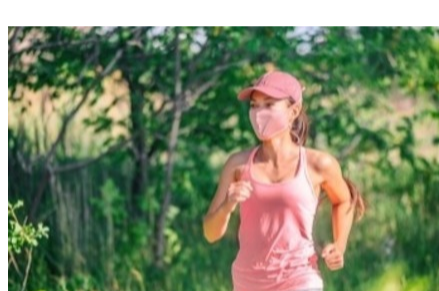
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## RNA Biology: a new frontier for treating disease

The mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines made history as the first RNA-based vaccines to be FDA approved for use in humans. But "RNA-based therapeutics have an amazing potential to treat a variety of inherited and acquired diseases," says Lynne Maquat, director of the Center for RNA Biology at URM.

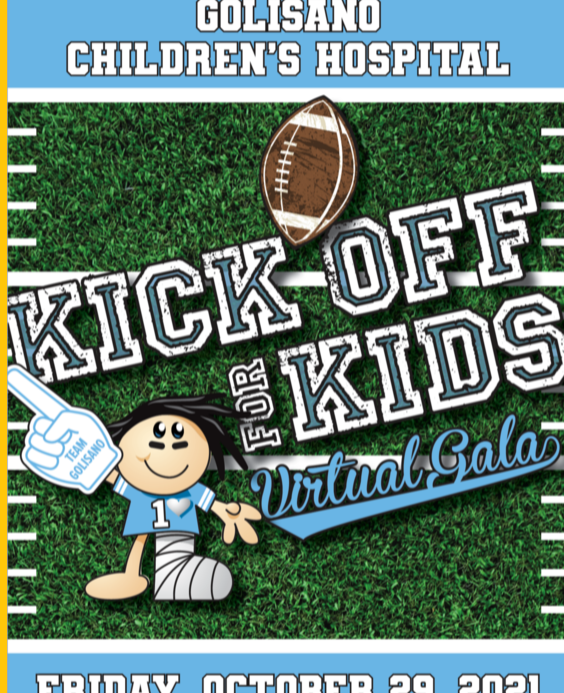
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## Research shows that regular exercisers experience fewer chemo symptoms

"We've always believed that exercise is a great way to help cancer patients," said Michelle Janelsins, associate professor of surgery at URM. "But now we have evidence that meeting physical activity guidelines prior to getting chemotherapy has benefits."

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## Kick off for Kids with Golisano Children's Hospital

Friday, October 29

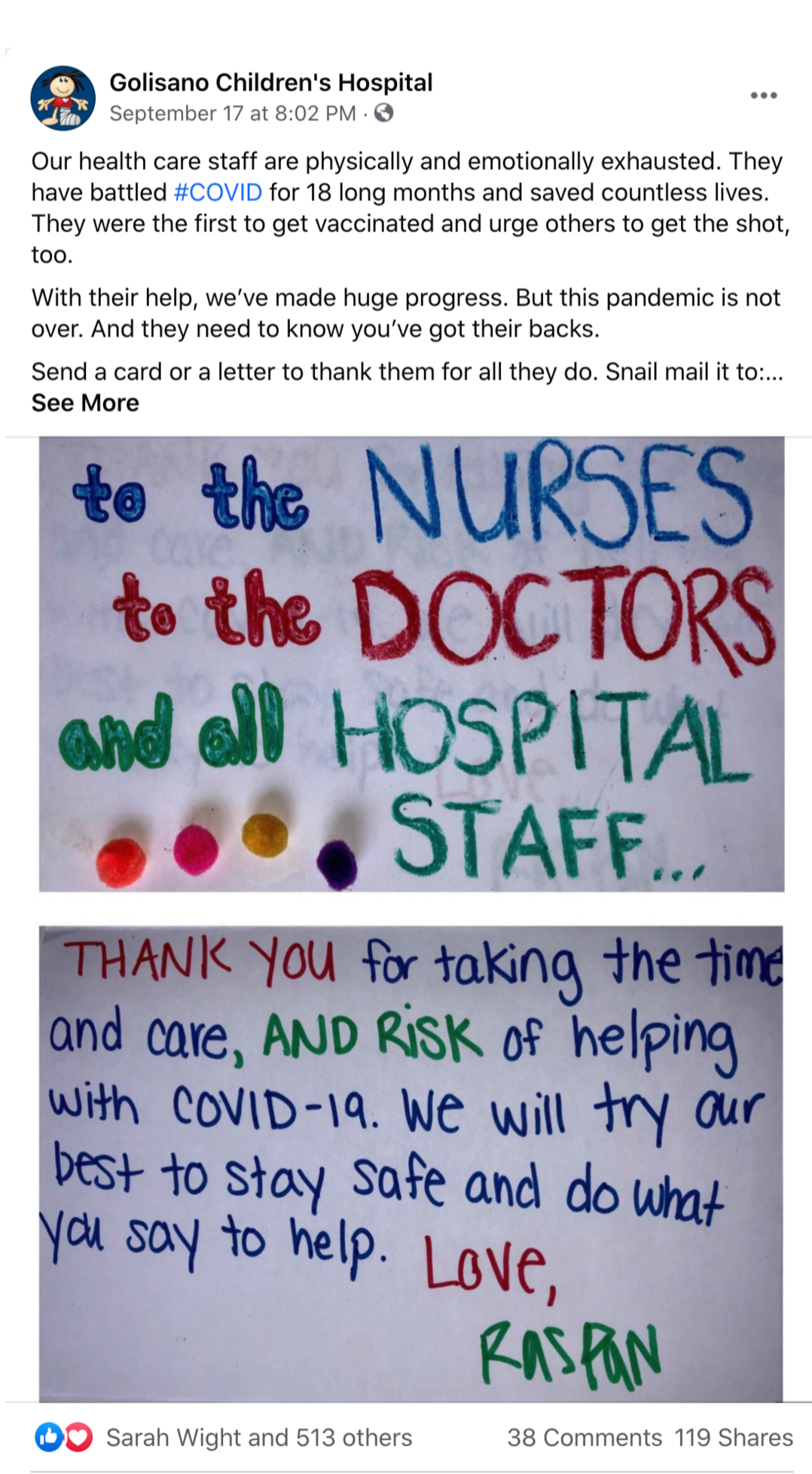
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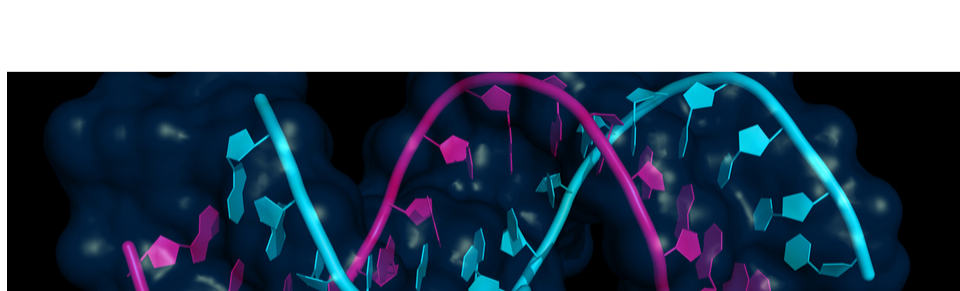
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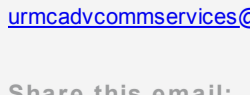
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