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News

Commissioner Schmit on inequality at the inauguration of the European Labour Authority

"The pandemic has made crystal clear the importance of making the European Pillar of Social Rights a tangible reality for citizens."

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The Economist

Climate change and its impact on lung health: a focus on Europe

According to this Economist Intelligence Unit report, those most at risk are people with chronic respiratory diseases, people over age 65, children as their lungs are still developing, lower socioeconomic groups because they are more likely to live in areas with high levels of air pollution and outdoor workers.

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Expand research in minority ethnic groups to end health inequalities caused by systemic racism

the bmj

A British Indian doctor wants to see more from her medical and healthcare community in expanding the curriculum to cover skin conditions in people from ethnic minorities.

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Health at a Glance 2021: COVID-19 has disproportionately hit vulnerable populations

OECD

While COVID-19 poses a threat to the entire population, not all population groups are similarly at risk.

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COVID-19 Health Inequalities Monitoring in England Tool (CHIME)

UK Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

To be released in February 2022: a national tool that brings together data to monitor the direct impacts of COVID-19 on health inequalities.

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New methods to study health inequalities:

European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) and the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM)

A new generation of scientific methods are helping to better understand health inequalities in Europe, but investments in data infrastructures are required to make use of its full potential for informing policymaking, European academies say in a new report.

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World Health Organization

Keep schools open this winter – but with precautions in place

“Last year’s widespread school closures, disrupting the education of millions of children and adolescents, did more harm than good, especially to children’s mental and social well-being. We can’t repeat the same mistakes,” says Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe.

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WHO/Europe urges countries to collect gender data through their health information systems

Accurate gender data is critical for building an effective and equitable response to the COVID-19 pandemic, says a new WHO report launched at this year’s Gender Equality Index conference.

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WHO/Europe launches Western Balkans Digital Health Network

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge: “There is momentum now, and we must work across sectors and borders to ensure that digital transformation delivers on the promise of safe, effective and equitable digital health services for a post-COVID-19 era.”

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In The Media



HSJ

Podcast: Tackling health inequalities head on through integrated care

Discussion on how the UK National Health System (NHS) is working with partners to enable social and economic development, and why other systems should be following suit.

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Euractiv

Disparities in the access to cancer treatment persist across the EU with differences in survival up to 25% for the same disease and at the same stage of illness between different member states, European lawmakers have warned.

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Different Access, Different Outcomes - Webinar

The Transforming Breast Cancer Together (TBCT) initiative, acknowledging the fragmented approach to breast cancer care among European Member States, dedicated an event to identify the disparities, underpin their consequences and debate solutions to provide all EU citizens with the quality and support they require and deserve throughout their cancer journeys.

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ALLEA & FEAM:

Final conference Health inequalities: new methods, better insights?

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