In the News

Dr. Beate Ritz is featured on *A Fragile Stage: Air Pollution's Impact on Newborns*. Research is provided on how the exposure to outdoor (ambient) and indoor (household) particulate air pollution places our youngest infants at increased health risk.

In addition to leading a study of COVID-19 transmission among the Los Angeles health workforce, Dr. Anne Rimoin continues to provide her expertise on the COVID-19 pandemic to various media outlets including: *MSNBC, KTLA-TV, The New York Times*, and *CNN*.

As with others in our Department, Dr. Kim-Farley continues to provide epidemiologically sound and relevant media interviews on the COVID-19 pandemic to such news outlets as *CNN, KNX, KPCC, KCRW radio, LA Times, The Sacramento Bee*, and the *Daily Bruin*.

*CBSLA* interviews Dr. Karin Michels on the mass vaccination sites opening up in LA as scrutiny over slow rollout continues. “Given the new variant of the virus, we’re really running against the clock,” Dr. Karin Michels. Additional news outlets: *KPCC, LAist, Daily Mail TV*, and *STAT News*. 
Holiday Poem by Ramces Jimenez  
December 9, 2020

Welcome everyone to our new normal,  
Usually we are used to something more formal,  
This is definitely a change from our usual tradition,  
Not being together for an in-person rendition,

COVID has changed our lives in so many ways,  
Working from home – remind me, how many days...  
Has it been since we’ve changed our routine,  
Trying now to adjust to the semi-quarantine,  
Thankfully I work for the department on the front lines,  
Researching COVID, diseases, and public guidelines,

I’ve been blessed to have joined Epi, currently with a lot of fame,  
It’s an endeavor for me just to pronounce the name,  
Eh·puh·dee·mee·aa·luh·jee

I am fortunate to work with a great team,  
Definitely something I had not foreseen,  
I’ve been here over a year and still feel like a rook,  
Luckily we still have our mentor, Barbara Cooke,  
The MSO search was easily a no-brainer,  
So happy I work with my friend, Shirley Rayner,  
Joy, thank you for working with student requests,  
Advising and planning to have it all make sense,  
Especially dealing with the NIH salary cap!  
Marisa, you are new to Epidemiology and Public Health,  
Trust me, your knowledge will become a bank of wealth,

A hello and thank you to fellow staff personnel,  
Without you, things would not run so well,  
Thank you to the faculty and their research dedication,  
To create epidemiologists of the next generation,  
The students continue TAing with many to a room,  
Their dedication tested more now over a virtual Zoom,  
Graduate students working and teaching, it’s not a breeze,  
All while continuing their work on their degrees,

In the hallways of CHS, I hope we can be seen,  
But for now, we have to patiently wait for the vaccine,  
Let’s be thankful for this year, for we have learned so much,  
And I’m not talking about using sanitizer after things we touch,  
We’ve grown accustomed to wearing facial masks,  
Even with many not believing scientific facts,  
We took for granted freedom and normal everyday life,  
I personally was happy at work without the kids and wife,

I guess we should stay at home, mask up, be safer,  
But my question is, what’s up with the toilet paper?  
Let’s appreciate traveling, friends, and family,  
So we can welcome 2021 and live more happily,  
I’ll end this rhyme, due to lack of time,  
With our overused email greeting chime,  
Happy holidays everyone, don’t let it chafe!  
“Hope you are well and staying safe”