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## New COVID-19 Variant: What is BA.2.86?

COVID-19 has been something that has altered many lives over a short period of time, but as of recent, it has become something that we talk about as the mere past. However, with an announcement from The World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control of a new variant of the virus which inflicts COVID-19, this raises many questions. Titled BA.2.86, but nicknamed Pirola, it brings the question of what is it? And is it something we need to be concerned about?

Pirola is a part of the 1,680 omicron lineages, stated by Dr. Rajendram Rajnarayanan. While many lineages still are experienced throughout the world, Pirola comes from Omicron BA.2, which no longer circulates throughout the world. This new variant has multiple mutations, which makes it more likely to evade immunity and may overthrow immunities your body has previously already built up. However, hospitalizations have not been reported despite this sudden variant.

Reported to have been detected in Denmark, Israel, The U.S., and the U.K., adults seemed to have only experienced mild symptoms. As a result, immediate medical care was not needed. However, those investigating Pirola are still questioning if it truly can become a risk compared to other variants. It has been stated that as Pirola continues to affect people, more mutations can break out, and it is capable of surging out. However, due to immunity built up, it may be more possible that Pirola can be handled in a better manner than previous variants.

Sources: [MSN](#)

Photo by the AP

Amorina Adame

## The Pentagon 9/11 Memorial

Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman created the Pentagon Memorial design. A panel of architects, family members, and prominent Washington, D.C.-area citizens, including two past defense secretaries, chose their design for the memorial from more than 1,100 entries.

At 9:37 on September 11, 2001, when 184 lives were lost, the Pentagon Memorial depicts a precise moment in time.

Right outside the spot where the airliner struck the building, a \$22 million memorial is situated on two acres of property. From the youngest victim, Dana Falkenberg, age 3, to the oldest victim, John Yamnicky, age 71, there are 184 memorial benches set aside for each of the victims. The memorial benches are arranged in a timeline of the victims' ages.

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### Some Newspaper lingo.

Cub reporter=a new reporter

Ace reporter=opposite of a cub reporter, often the best reporter on staff

“Putting it to bed” =all articles in, ready for publication.

“Deadline” = when the story or feature is absolutely due.

### Be Like Sting!

It's never too late

DHPH Staff

Selfless, Thoughtful, Integrous,  
Notable, Growing,

### Trivia time

Strange days, indeed,

Scorpion Staff

Who has been at CHPA longer?

A. Coach Lopez

B. Ms. Beeman

### Upsets in the multiverse!

The latest updates

Scorpion Staff

Just wanted to see if you were reading!

## The News from around Campus

Gabryela Figueroa, Jo-Jo, Amorina Adame, Alicia Figueroa, Jormary Figueroa Riveria

### Homecoming Dance lifts spirits.

The 2023 Homecoming dance was held in the ECMS/DHPH cafetorium on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Those attending enjoyed the music, the camaraderie with their fellows, and for those who braved the floor, the dancing. Picture coverage for DHPH was done by Ms. Padilla with Mr. McBee handling the Master of Ceremonies duties. Snacks, provided by the Student Council, consisted of chips, cookies, soda and water.

The Homecoming court, adorned in sashes, descended the stairs and enjoyed the applause of the assembled. The voting was tabulated, and Mr. McBee announced that the King and Queen of homecoming were Marcos Lerma and Aries Rivera respectively.

The Game may have dampened some spirits, but the efforts of the Student Council, Mr. McBee, Ms. Padilla and Ms. Sanchez gave the Scorpions a much needed respite.



### Be Like STING!

**Chávez Huerta Preparatory Academy**  
**Wellness Center**  
 2727 W 18th St, Pueblo, CO 81003

Chávez Huerta Preparatory Academy and Pueblo Community Health Center have partnered to provide health services to CHPA students and staff.

**Health Services:**

- Sick/Acute health care
- Physical/Well exams
- Sports physicals
- Minor injury treatment
- Health education
- Contraceptive counseling
- Medication management
- Tobacco cessation

**Ashlie Long, FNP-C**  
Medical Provider

**Marcella Masterson, FNP**  
Medical Provider

**Behavioral Health Services:**

- Individual & Family focused therapy
- Crisis services
- Coping skills
  - Peer relationships
  - Schoolwork & Grades
- Treatment for:
  - anxiety
  - depression
  - substance abuse

**Carrie Neumann, LPC**  
Behavioral Health Provider

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

**988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Call, text or chat to connect with mental health professionals.

**Monday - Thursday | 7:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**  
**(719) 543-8718 x700**

**Billing:** The school-based wellness center accepts Medicaid, CHP+, private insurance, and offers a sliding scale for the uninsured.  
 (719) 543-8711 | www.PuebloCHC.org

**Pueblo Community Health Center**

### McBee presenting the Big Prize!



Count day prizes were awarded Thursday before Homecoming. Mr. McBee, in his role as MC, announced the winners and presented the prizes!



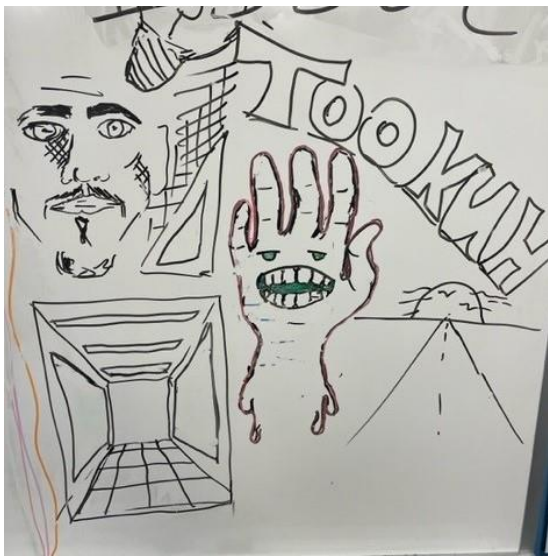
Scorpion Photo Crew

**They want to be McBee when they Grow up!!!!**



Or...should it be McBeeman?

Scorpion tales staff photo



Joe-Joe strikes again!

**If art is your thing, then follow Sting!**

Sting's Scorpion tales,  
Will blaze new trails,  
And allow you to read the new thing,  
Words and what's more,  
Art is present, for sure,  
And it just might seem like some bling!



Scorpion Tales Historical Research Staff

**Who is this Guy?**

Scorpion minds want to know!

Who is this Guy, and why is he important to the City of Pueblo?



Is he a famous writer? Did he play and coach baseball? Did he write plays, musicals, and screen plays? Was he on Broadway? Did he regard his time in Pueblo as the best experience in his life? Do the research, Scorpions, and find out who this famous face is!

Photo credit/screen capture New York Times

## DHPH Early College Program

One of the most special options that is our very own is our college program. Taking classes for college credit? We got it! Taking classes off campus towards a degree? Certifications, you bet! We offer staffing, support, tutoring; the help you need to succeed!

Reach out to Ms. Martinez or Ms. Sanchez, and they will point you in the right way.



When the photo editor has had it with her Photographers!



Ovid says: Διάβασα το SCORPION TALES για να ενημερωθώ!



Billy Shakes was heard saying “Scorpion tales lends itself well to the trained and untrained ear.”





Natasha Hernandez /artist and comics editor

Editorial

Mr. McSpadden

We find ourselves questioning issues at times like this. A friend hurt, a loss that looks insurmountable, what has happened to our great season?

This is not the time to look down!

We look to the Future!

We are closing the first quarter and opening the second. We have much to look forward to, and we should focus on the future.

It's never too late; to change, to grow, to become. As we head into the next nine weeks, let's plan to close the semester strong.

It's not impossible.



## Ms. Padilla, the Science senorita!

Michael Flores

Ms. Irene Padilla, a science teacher and tech coach extraordinaire, became an educator around 12 years ago. She began her career at East High School, serving as a long-term sub for District 60. She moved to CHPA and taught SCIENCE! After 10 years at CHPA, she embraced a new position as the Ed-Coach, and technology lead. Ms. Padilla was intrigued by the idea of technology-based learning after having a less than fulfilling experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. She spends half her day working ED-coach/IT stuff, and the other half back in the classroom teaching science.

Science is Ms. Padilla's first love in education, inspired by her teachers in high school to become an educator. While stepping up to cover the IT stuff, she misses her classroom, and certainly notices the crunch in the science department.

So, if you see Ms. Padilla with her favorite beverage (Coffee), or a snack of Ruffles with Valentina hot sauce, say hi. Her dedication is a wonderful example of what it means to be a teacher.

Oh, and she's a heck of a rabbit wrangler!

