

AUGUST 2017



Cook County Health & Hospitals System



COOK COUNTY HEALTH  
& HOSPITALS SYSTEM  
**CCHHS**

# SYSTEM NEWS

Community Edition

## Letter from the CEO



I am excited to share with you in this issue the latest updates on the Cook County Health & Hospitals System's ongoing capital projects, including our new Central Campus Health Center.

CCHHS has been making significant strides in our ongoing journey to become a modern provider of care, making investments for our patients and our future.

CCHHS has a proud mission of serving everyone who walks through our doors. To protect that mission, we must have comparable facilities, amenities and patient experience to

compete and serve in the current dynamic health care environment.

We are pleased that these capital projects will not only improve the patient experience, but also allow the health system to vacate old, outdated facilities that are costly to maintain.

Please be sure to stay tuned to announcements about these projects. There will be a lot of activity, especially on our Central Campus, and we are striving to ensure that all patients are apprised of the changes as we look forward to moving into our new health center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'John J. Shannon'.

**Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, CCHHS**

## Pardon Our Dust!

All services in Fantus Health Center are being relocated in September 2017.

Cook County Health & Hospitals System is building a new Central Campus Health Center for outpatient primary and specialty care services to better serve our patients. The new center will open in late 2018. See the story below for more information!

Most services in Fantus Health Center will be moved into the adjacent Stroger Hospital until construction on the new building is complete.

Please note that some of the General Medicine Clinic clinicians have moved to Provident Hospital and the Psychiatry Clinic is temporarily relocating to space at Provident Hospital and Austin Health Center. Fantus Health Center patients should ask their provider where their next appointment will be.

The aging Fantus Health Center, meanwhile, will be closing to create space on CCHHS' main campus for much needed additional patient parking.

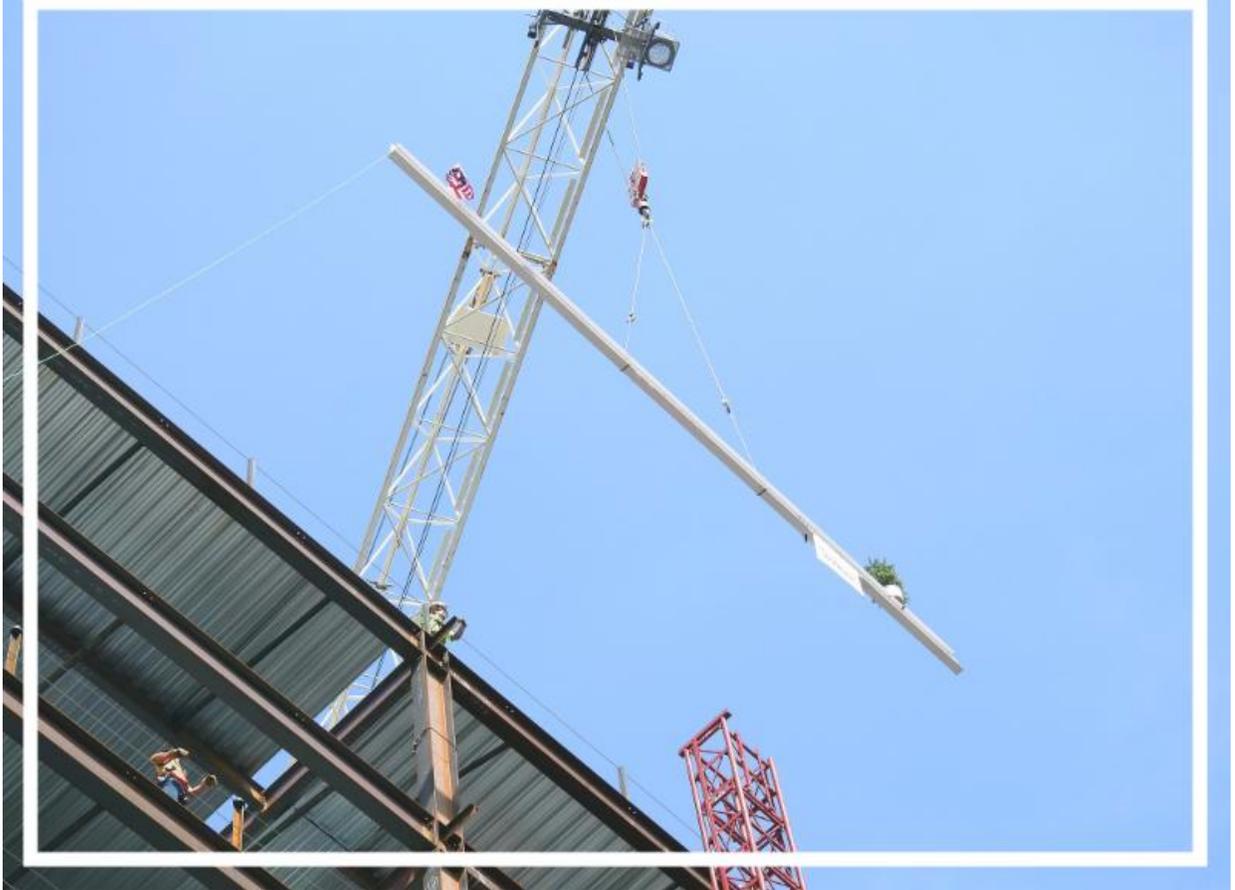
CCHHS is also excited to announce the development of a new women and children's center at Stroger Hospital that is almost complete.

Visit CCHHS' website, [cookcountyhealth.org](http://cookcountyhealth.org), to get the latest information about the relocations and other exciting construction updates!

## Cook County Celebrates Construction Milestone for New Central Campus Health Center

The Cook County Health & Hospitals System and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle hosted a "topping out" ceremony on August 9 to celebrate continued construction progress of CCHHS' new health center in Chicago's Near West Side. During the ceremony, the final steel beam for the building's frame was raised and installed at the top of the structure.





The Central Campus Health Center will be a 9-story, 282,000-square-foot building located at the corner of Polk Street and Damen Avenue and represents a \$100 million investment by Cook County. The center, slated to be completed in 2018, will feature state-of-the-art space for adult medicine, diabetes, infusion, oncology, dermatology, dental, and ophthalmology services and other specialties.

"With this milestone, we are one step closer to bringing our residents an updated, welcoming space that will provide expert health care," President Preckwinkle said. "This new Central Campus Health Center reflects Cook County's longstanding commitment to provide high-quality care to all patients, no matter their ability to pay."

Demand for primary and specialty care on the Central Campus is significant. CCHHS cares for more than 300,000 unique patients across the County each year, seeing approximately one million outpatient visits annually -- more than half of which take place on the health system's Central Campus.

## **Immunizations & Annual Physicals Key to Healthy Start to School**



With the start of the school year right around the corner, Cook County Health & Hospitals System is encouraging families to get an annual physical exam and required immunizations for their children.

"One of the easiest ways to keep your family healthy is making sure your students get immunizations and back-to-school physicals. These visits ensure that your children are able to reach their full potential at school," said Dr. Titilayo Abiona, medical director at CCHHS' Robbins Health Center.

"Vaccinations can protect children against serious illnesses, while regular check-ups give doctors a way to monitor your child's growth and development and detect any emerging issues early," added Dr. Yolanda Escalona, medical director at CCHHS' Vista Health Center in Palatine.

In Illinois, school physicals are [required](#) for children entering kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Students must also show proof of immunization against vaccine-preventable [diseases](#) such as mumps, tetanus, and polio.

A thorough annual physical will record your child's height and weight, screen for lead and anemia, monitor blood pressure and heart rate, and check the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, teeth, throat, lungs and abdomen. It is also an opportunity to discuss nutrition, exercise, safety and injury prevention.

CCHHS has a wide network of expert physicians who can help families prepare for a healthy school year. To schedule an appointment for your child or to find a CCHHS provider close to you, contact the CCHHS Patient Support Center at 312-864-0200.

## **Uninsured? Underinsured? CCHHS Can Help**

Did you know that Cook County Health & Hospitals System offers financial assistance to patients who are uninsured or have trouble paying their medical bills?

CareLink is a financial assistance program that offers discount prices on medical care at CCHHS to patients who are uninsured or unable to afford their medical bills. The program offers discounts on medical care based on a patient's income. People who are interested in enrolling in CareLink are asked to provide documentation about their identity, income and proof of residency in Cook County. No proof of citizenship or immigration status is required.

CCHHS has a proud history of caring for all. A patient will not be denied services at CCHHS based on their inability to pay for care.

To learn more about CareLink, visit [www.cookcountyhhs.org/patient-services/billing-financial-assistance](http://www.cookcountyhhs.org/patient-services/billing-financial-assistance)

## Public Hearings for CCHHS' 2018 Budget

Cook County Health & Hospitals System's CEO, Dr. Jay Shannon, submitted the health system's preliminary Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget to the CCHHS Finance Committee today.

The proposed \$2.4 billion budget contemplates the growth of CountyCare membership, strengthens critical revenue-focused business functions, allows for the continued development of key clinical areas and supports the overall transformation of CCHHS as a patient-centered health system to meet goals set in its [three-year strategic plan](#).

Public hearings on CCHHS' 2108 budget will be held on Monday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the CCHHS Board Room, 1900 W. Polk Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago. Individuals can register to speak, submit written testimony and find a copy of the full budget presentation at [www.cookcountyhhs.org/about-cchhs/governance/budget-information/](http://www.cookcountyhhs.org/about-cchhs/governance/budget-information/) .

Upon approval by the CCHHS Board of Directors, the 2018 budget will be submitted to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and inclusion into the County's overall budget.

## Let's Be Friends

Follow the Cook County Health & Hospitals System on social media to get the most up-to-date news about the health system .

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Cookcountyhhs/](http://www.facebook.com/Cookcountyhhs/)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/CookCtyHealth](http://www.twitter.com/CookCtyHealth)

**LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com/company/cook-county-health-and-hospitals-system](http://www.linkedin.com/company/cook-county-health-and-hospitals-system)

Look At Us  Now.

Look at us now! Want to follow CCHHS' transformation as a modern health system? [Visit www.cookcountyhealth.org](http://www.cookcountyhealth.org).

# 2017 Bud Billiken Parade

The Cook County Health & Hospitals System was proud to participate in the 88<sup>th</sup> Bud Billiken Parade! CCHHS staff marched in the parade and a group of CCHHS clinicians volunteered to provide first aid.





## CCHHS in the News

**wttw11**

[CCHHS Giving At-Risk Inmates Narcan Upon Their Release](#)

[CCHHS Expands Family Planning, Birth Control Services at Jail](#)

# Modern Healthcare

[Rauner names winners in Illinois Medicaid overhaul](#)



[In Roseland, Community Triage Center Offers a New Approach to Behavioral Health](#)



[Chicago's gun violence crisis is also a mental health crisis](#)

**Visit our website at [c ookcountyhhs.org](http://cookcountyhhs.org).**

If you would like to invite a representative from CCHHS to attend a community event, please send an email to [events@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:events@cookcountyhhs.org) .

To provide feedback on CCHHS Community News, update your contact information, or unsubscribe, please email Marcelino Garcia, Director of Community Affairs, at [mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org).



COOK COUNTY HEALTH  
& HOSPITALS SYSTEM

CCHHS

STAY CONNECTED:



**Confirm that you like this.**

Click the "Like" button.