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# SYSTEM NEWS

## Community Edition

It has been one month since thousands of Americans participated in the "March for Our Lives" rallies across the country calling for federal gun reform in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. A group from Cook County participated in the march in Washington D.C. on March 24, 2018, including: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) CEO Dr. Jay Shannon, trauma surgeon Dr. Faran Bokhari, trauma social workers Rev. Carol Reese and Andy Wheeler, and two activists, Deshon Hannah and Dantrell Blake, who were injured by gun violence in their teens.

"March for Our Lives" seemed to be a turning point in our conversations about sensible gun laws and we must not let this critically important issue slip from our national dialogue.

Since the march, 174 people in Chicago have been shot. In the past month, there have been shootings at ten other school campuses across the country, and seven planned attacks that were thwarted by police. We need gun control now.

Each year, CCHHS cares for more than 1,000 patients who have been injured by gun violence. The impact of gun violence on CCHHS' patients, community and staff is all too real. As a provider of care and steward of public health, CCHHS must advocate for policies that uphold the health and safety of the residents of Cook County.

CCHHS is calling for common sense gun regulations to make our communities safer. We consider gun violence a public health threat and it requires multi-faceted interventions. [Click here](#) to read more about CCHHS' perspective on gun violence and regulations to stem gun-related injury and death.

Our health system is proud to have joined the "March for Our Lives" in Washington D.C. and we will continue to advocate for sensible regulations and safety measures to reduce the devastation firearms wreak on our country.

# CCHHS Attends "March For Our Lives" Rallies in Washington, D.C.



Cook County marchers, led by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, meets with Rep. Robin Kelly (IL-2) in to discuss gun regulations.



Cook County is ready to march!



Dantrell Blake, Deshon Hannah and Dr. Jay Shannon at "March for Our Lives"



Dr. Jay Shannon and Dantrell Blake speak live to WVON-AM about gun violence from Washington D.C.



Event organizers estimate nearly 800,000 people gathered for "March for Our Lives" in Washington D.C.



Dr. Jay Shannon and Dr. Faran Bokhari discussed interventions for gun violence with their peers at The George Washington University Hospital (Level I trauma center in D.C.), CEO Kim Russo and head of trauma Dr. Babak Sarahi.

## CCHHS In The News

**Modern  
Healthcare**

[Chicago county health system calls for federal gun control](#)

**AXIOS**

[Students prep for protests: "We have nothing to lose"](#)

**The New York Times**

[Beyond Gun Control, Student Marchers Aim to Upend Elections](#)

**Chicago Tribune**

[Shot on the streets of Chicago as teens, they're heading to D.C. to protest gun violence](#)



**ABC 7 CHICAGO**

[March for Our Lives: Chicago students in city and D.C. prepare for March for Our Lives 2018 rally](#)

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