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To: All CHI Living Communities Employees

**RE: Wear Orange June 3 – 5 to Raise Awareness about Gun Violence**

In the aftermath of numerous tragedies across America recently, ending gun violence should be an urgent concern for all of us.

Regardless of your social or economic status, gender, ethnicity, ZIP code or any other factor, *no one* should live in fear that gunfire could sound at any moment ... whether in a child's classroom in Uvalde, TX; at a grocery store in Buffalo, NY; during a church service in Laguna Woods, CA; or numerous other places that should be safe as part of our everyday lives.

**WHAT – Tomorrow, June 3, is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, followed by a weekend of *Wear Orange* activities in support of ending gun violence.**

**HOW – To help show our collective support, I invite you to wear orange tomorrow/Friday through Sunday, June 3 - 5.**

- *Be sure to follow your campus' / office's dress code or uniform policy, yet find creative ways to incorporate orange into your wardrobe while at work!*

**WHY** – Every year in the U.S., more than 40,000 people of all ages are killed with guns and about 85,000 are shot and wounded. As part of CommonSpirit Health—our parent company, comprised of hundreds of hospitals, ERs and trauma centers across the country—we know all too well the destructive consequences of even one act of gun violence: it forever shatters a life, as well as family members, and erodes the very fabric of our community.

**WHY ORANGE** – *Wear Orange* began on Jan. 21, 2013, when 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, she was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon afterwards, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange – the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others from gunfire. *Wear Orange* is now observed nationwide every June.

**FOR MORE INFO** about CommonSpirit's efforts to end gun violence, visit <https://dignityhlth.org/3m5wglH>.

Thank you for helping us show others in our communities this weekend that we stand united against gun violence.

Sincerely,

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