



# Cure Gun Violence Day at the Capitol

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Health Care Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence

*"There is no question that gun violence is a public health problem. It's not debatable. It's self-evident."* David Hemenway, Ph.D., Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

## WE NEED TO FILL THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA AT 2PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21!

### 2:00pm — Rally and Press Conference

Help us fill the Rotunda of the Capitol so the media, law makers and the Governor's office will see how much we care about this issue! Please arrive by 1:30pm.

*Wear orange if you have it. We'll have orange buttons, t-shirts and PROTECT MINNESOTA signs. If you're a physician or health care worker, please wear your white coat and/or scrubs.*

*Leaders in the fields of public health, health care and social work, along with concerned law makers, will speak against dangerous gun bills and in support of criminal background checks, gun violence protective orders, and other helpful measures.*

### IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME TO SHARE:

### 9:00am-1:30pm — Capitol Visits and Deliveries

Visit your state representatives and share your concerns about the expansion of gun rights in our state.

*Register today at [www.protectmn.org/events](http://www.protectmn.org/events). The Protect Minnesota staff will set up your meetings and send you an email with your individual visit schedule. We'll also schedule you to attend a 15-minute training prior to your first visit.*

Before and after your visits you can help deliver "prescriptions for saving lives" to other law makers and the Governor's office.

Find out more and register at  
[WWW.PROTECTMN.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.PROTECTMN.ORG/EVENTS)

We have an epidemic of gun violence in our state and country that negatively impacts every Minnesotan every day. Public health professionals, health care providers, and all who care about this issue are invited to participate in this event, focusing on gun violence as a **public health crisis** and advocating for patients, families and communities.

### The threat to Minnesota is particularly acute right now, because two dangerous bills are progressing through the state legislature:

- 1) The Nash Permitless Carry bill, which repeals all permit requirements to carry a gun in public places—including criminal background checks and gun safety training. In the past 10 years, **over 4,300** Minnesotans have been denied a carry permit by local law enforcement because they represent a threat to public safety. If this bill passes, those dangerous individuals won't need a permit to carry a gun. In addition, this bill's definition of "public places" is so broad that it could include schools, hospitals, clinics, colleges, places of worship and the State Fair grounds.
- 2) Stand Your Ground, which removes the duty to retreat and gives the presumption of innocence to a person using lethal force against anyone he *perceives* to be a "threat" — whether the threat is real or imagined. This bill puts people of color and immigrants in particular risk, and is totally unnecessary. Minnesotans already have the right to fully defend ourselves from grievous bodily harm.

Join us at the Capitol on Tuesday, March 21, as we make our voices heard against these dangerous bills and speak out in support of gun violence prevention bills that have been proven to work in other states.

Protect Minnesota is an independent, state-based organization that promotes the health and safety of all Minnesotans by preventing gun violence through effective laws, policies and community education. Our Health Care Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence creates opportunities for public health professionals and health care providers to share their expertise and engage in the work of gun violence prevention.

Go to [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org) for more information and to register.

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