

# #HAVhope Friday: A National Day of Awareness

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## Join AHA June 5 to #HAVhope

COVID-19 has changed the world. Yet as physicians, nurses and other team members in hospitals and health systems bravely battle this pandemic, they continue daily operations. Including treating victims of violence.

But that is not the story we choose to highlight. In the wake of this pandemic, we have seen Americans rise to the challenge, help their neighbors and care for their loved ones.

Despite an increase in violence and a fully taxed health care system, the men and women of America's hospitals have come to work, to serve, and most importantly, to heal.

On June 5, the fourth annual Hospitals Against Violence Hope (#HAVhope) Friday, we ask Americans to take a moment and stand united together to **HAVE HOPE**:

- That our communities can thrive.
- That our wounds will heal.
- And that the victims of violence that we have cared for, and those we haven't, have hope too.

Join us and share your messages of hope on social media and elsewhere by using the **#HAVhope** hashtag.

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## How can you support #HAVhope day?

Are you a hospital, health system or community organization? We encourage you to highlight efforts in which your organization has been or expects to be involved in that bring awareness to or promote community violence prevention and workplace safety through social media by using the **#HAVhope** tag.

- 1 Share a photo and your message of hope using our HAVhope sign, which can be [downloaded here](#).
  - 2 Use **#HAVhope** on social media to highlight your work or commitment to mitigate violence in your community or workplace.
  - 3 Encourage others that stand against workplace and community violence to participate.
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For more information about **#HAVhope** Friday and the Hospitals Against Violence Initiative, please contact **Laura Castellanos** at [lcastellanos@aha.org](mailto:lcastellanos@aha.org) and visit our website at [www.aha.org/HAVhope](http://www.aha.org/HAVhope).

**To share #HAVhope messages on social media, download AHA's digital toolkit.**

