



Dear Clinica,

On Saturday night, a man motivated by hate and violence killed at least 5 people and injured many more at Club Q in Colorado Springs. Club Q is an LGBTQ+ nightclub and an important safe space for the LGBTQ+ community in Colorado Springs- the shooting happened following a traditional drag show event on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is observed in honor of the lives of trans people lost to anti-trans violence and hatred.

It is painful to continue to see our community members targeted in this way. I was reminded of the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando...I spent a few moments looking back to the message I shared then, but before I got there I was reminded of the Uvalde shooting, the Boulder shooting, and the shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, among others.

Words can't stop these tragedies from happening. I imagine many of us feel powerless to curb the hatred and gun violence that continues to happen.

What we can do is keep Clinica as a safe, welcoming space for our LGBTQ+ patients, colleagues, and friends. I hope that we each get the opportunity in our work and outside of it to reaffirm our support, care, and allyship to our patients, friends and family members who may benefit from a reminder of the support and solidarity we hold. This doesn't ever happen to some other community- when these things happen, they are happening to our community.

Thank you for making Clinica a safe, welcoming space for our community.

In solidarity and support,  
Simon