



Office of  
Equity & Inclusion

## **Stop Coronavirus Racism, Combat Fear and Misinformation with Facts**

There are increasing reports across the world of coronavirus-related physical and verbal attacks on individuals perceived as Asian. We all must actively work to stop the spread of these racist attacks by making sure we collectively combat fear and misinformation with facts. Coronavirus was first detected in China and has since been detected in almost 70 locations internationally, including in the United States. Fear and anxiety can create stigmas when people assume a group of people is more likely to get or spread the virus.

Viruses do not discriminate and cannot target people from specific populations, ethnicities or racial backgrounds. People can only get or spread the virus if they have traveled to an infected area or had close contact with a person who has the virus. This is true no matter the person's ethnicity or race.

Stay informed by visiting [OHA's Coronavirus Website](#) or the [CDC Website](#) for global information. Help combat racism and misinformation by referring people to OHA's website or the CDC. Report hate or bias acts to [Oregon Department of Justice](#) by calling 844-924-2427 or 844-924-BIAS.

Racism has no place in our community. During challenging times, we must respect each other and stay informed to avoid creating unnecessary fear.

## Other coronavirus racism links and resources

Oregon Health Authority, “COVID-19: Learn the Facts” video:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=jePXCdb5jmU#action=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jePXCdb5jmU#action=share)

Oregon Health Authority, “Viruses Don’t Discriminate. Neither Should We” flyer:

[Healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://Healthoregon.org/coronavirus)

Right to sick leave:

[www.oregon.gov/boli/TA/Pages/T\\_FAQ\\_OregonSickTime.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/boli/TA/Pages/T_FAQ_OregonSickTime.aspx)

Report a crime of bias to Oregon DOJ:

[www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/bias-crimes/about-the-law/](http://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/bias-crimes/about-the-law/)

Portland United Against Hate: <https://sites.google.com/view/portland-tracks-hate/home>

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