

VIRUSES DON'T DISCRIMINATE AND NEITHER SHOULD WE.

CORONAVIRUS AND STIGMA



CORONAVIRUS DOESN'T RECOGNIZE RACE, NATIONALITY, OR ETHNICITY.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is not more likely to be carried and transmitted by any race, nationality, or ethnicity. Nor does one's race, nationality, or ethnicity make a person more vulnerable to this illness.



WEARING A MASK DOES NOT MEAN A PERSON IS ILL.

People wear masks for a variety of reasons, including to avoid pollen and air pollution and for cultural and social reasons. We should not judge someone for wearing a mask or assume they are sick.



STOP STIGMA BY SHARING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

Avoid spreading misinformation. Stay informed through reputable, trusted sources.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Ohio Department of Health at <https://odh.ohio.gov/>
- World Health Organization at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>



SPEAK UP IF YOU READ, SEE, OR HEAR DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIOR OR COMMENTS.

Gently correct the false information and remind the person that prejudiced language and behavior make us all less safe. If you experience discrimination, report it to the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at edi@oberlin.edu.



SHOW COMPASSION AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE MOST CLOSELY IMPACTED.

Find ways to educate yourself and others in ways that dispel racist and misinformed ideas. Listen to, acknowledge, and, with permission, share the stories of people experiencing stigma, along with a message that bigotry is not acceptable in your community.