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.

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.

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/

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.

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.