

VIRUSES DON'T DISCRIMINATE



AND NEITHER SHOULD WE

**Stigma will NOT fight coronavirus.
Sharing accurate information will.**

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

COVID-19 & STIGMA



COVID-19 doesn't recognize race, nationality, or ethnicity.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) does not target people from specific populations, ethnicities, or racial backgrounds.



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. Be careful not to judge someone for wearing a mask or assume they are sick.



You can interrupt stigma. Start by sharing accurate information.

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

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).
 - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).
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Speak up if you hear, see, or read misinformation or harassing comments.

Gently correct false information, and remind the speaker: prejudiced language and actions make us all less safe. If serious harassment occurs, consider reporting it to the Michigan State Police tip line, ([Michigan.gov/MichTip](https://www.michigan.gov/MichTip)).



Show compassion and support for those most closely impacted.

In schools and workplaces, create learning opportunities for students and staff 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.