



Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin Statement on Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobic Attacks

While we are combating the spread of COVID-19 and violence against our Black community, the Asian American community is also fighting against the rise of anti-Asian sentiment.

The novel coronavirus has devastated nations across the globe. Its detrimental impact is felt disproportionately by vulnerable communities—front-line workers, older adults, people with certain health issues, economically disadvantaged individuals, and communities of color— including Asian and Asian-American people. We need to come together as a united front in denouncing racism and xenophobia.

The Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin (AAPI) is deeply troubled by the alarming rise in racist and xenophobic acts committed against people of Asian descent in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic. These acts are occurring around the world, across all of the United States, and within our own communities. Xenophobia, racism, and hate have no place in Wisconsin.

We call on policymakers, the media and the public to take affirmative steps to halt and condemn racism and xenophobia to ensure that the health and safety of all Americans are protected.

- We call for **policymakers** to take xenophobic and racist threats seriously by publicly condemning hate acts and take action to dismantle systemic racism.
- We ask **everyone** to refrain from using ethnicity and race to describe the virus. These practices perpetuate the racist association between the disease and Asian communities, and have the potential to both directly and indirectly incite hostility and violence toward our communities.
- We urge **the media** to discontinue the use of photographs depicting people of Asian descent in COVID-19 coverage and seek out the voice of the Asian community.
- We encourage **the public** to report hate incidents. Many hate crimes go unreported by victims, which hinders the ability to appropriately track and address them.

As long as communities of color, especially Black communities, are suffering from racist oppression, none of our communities can thrive.

We ask you to stand with the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Coalition of Wisconsin in condemning racist and xenophobic acts against the Asian American community and all marginalized groups.

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AAPI Organizations

Artfluent Marketing and Design
Asian Student Union - UW Milwaukee
Bayanihan Student Organization (BSO) of Marquette University
Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin
Chin Community of Milwaukee
ElevAsian
Hmong American Center
Filipino American Association of Wisconsin
Hmong American Friendship Association
Hmong American Leadership & Economic Development
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
Hmong Young Professionals
Japanese American Citizens League - WI
Japanese Culture Association - UW Milwaukee
Lao Women's Organization
Meat on the Street
Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC)
Milwaukee Consortium for Hmong Health
Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition
National Association of Asian American Professionals - MKE
Nyob Zoo Milwaukee TV
Organization of Chinese Americans - WI
Our Scholarship
Philippine-American Association of Madison & Neighboring Areas
Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin
United Hmong Wisconsin Outreach
United Lao Educational Development
Wisconsin Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association
Young Asian Professionals of Milwaukee
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AAPI Elected Officials

Eau Claire City Council Member Mai Xiong
Former Wausau City Council Member Mary Thao
Marathon County Supervisor & Village of Weston Board of Trustee Yee Leng Xiong
Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Kristy Yang
Milwaukee School Board Director Paula Phillips
West Allis Alderman Angelito Tenorio

Elected Officials

Milwaukee County Exec David Crowley
State Representative David Bowen
State Representative Evan Goyke
State Representative Christine Sinicki
State Representative Daniel Riemer

State Representative Jonathan Brostoff
State Representative Patrick Snyder
State Senator Chris Larson
Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg

Partner Organizations

Allied for Hope
American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bader Philanthropies Inc.
Buddhist Peace Fellowship of Milwaukee
Community Advocates
Define America
Democratic Party of Wisconsin
Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
Equal Rights Commission Milwaukee
FORGE Inc.
Forward Latino
Greater Milwaukee Committee
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA
Hindu Temple of Wisconsin
Hours Against Hate
Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
Islamic Society of Milwaukee
Jewish Community Relations of Milwaukee
LISC Milwaukee
Local First Milwaukee
Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin
Madison Jewish Federation
MICA, Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations
Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
Milwaukee Brewers Foundation
Milwaukee Bucks
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
Milwaukee Jewish Federation
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
Milwaukee Turner's, Inc.
Milwaukee Urban League
Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals
NAACP
Moravian Church in America, Western District
Nurturing Diversity Partners
Presbytery of Milwaukee
Professional Dimensions
Rid Racism Milwaukee
sikh Temple of Wisconsin
South East District, United Methodist Church



TEMPO Milwaukee
The Religious Society of Friends, The MKE Meeting
Unitarian Universalist Congregations Southeastern Wisconsin
United Church of Christ, Southeast Wisconsin Association
United Church of Christ, Wisconsin Conference
US Bank
Voces De La Frontera
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
Wisconsin Council of Churches
Wisconsin Jewish Conference
Wisconsin Council of Rabbis
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin
Zeidler Center
Zilber Family Foundation



ATTACHMENT - WHAT YOU CAN DO

Speak Up - There are a number of resources and online trainings to help you as an individual citizen when you are confronted with difficult anti-Asian situations.

[The Asian American Advancing Justice \(AAJC\) - Stand Against Hatred](#)

[The Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#)

[The Anti Defamation League - Resources for Parents, Children and Educators](#)

[Hollaback Bystander Intervention Online Training](#)

[Hollaback Bystander Intervention Download](#)

[Hollaback - How to Respond to Street Harassment](#)

[How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism](#)

Reporting - It is important to report all incidents to help respond and prevent further incidents. You should report any hate attacks immediately to your local police department. If it is not an emergency, you can report it to your local police department's non-emergency line.

In addition, there are several local and national entities you can report your incident to.

Milwaukee & Wisconsin Area Reporting

Local FBI Reporting Line - 414-276-4684

Equal Rights Commission - 414-286-5532 or ERC@milwaukee.gov

Milwaukee Police Department Non-Emergency Line - 414-933-4444

[Cia Siab - Wisconsin Incident Report Page](#)

National Reporting

[AAPI Stories - Submit Your Story](#)

[Anti-Defamation League Report Incident](#)

[Asians Advancing Justice Incident Report](#)

[Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Reporting Center](#)

[Organization of Chinese Americans - Online Reporting](#)

[South Asians Leading Together Acts of Hate Database](#)