



INCIDENTS OF CORONAVIRUS DISCRIMINATION March 19-25, 2020

A Report for A3PCON and CAA
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This report reviews 673 reports of coronavirus discrimination submitted on the CAA/A3PCON “Stop AAPI Hate” website from March 19-25, 2020. Even without much publicity, we have already received a strong response from the community, who want their voices to be heard.

Emerging trends include:

- Almost 100 reports daily, with 5.5% from limited-English speakers
- Women are three times more likely to report harassment than men
- Asian Americans of different ethnicities are racially profiled; 61% of the reports are from non-Chinese
- Verbal harassment and name calling are the most commonly reported type of discrimination, making up over 2/3 of reports
- With shelter-in-place policies, Asian Americans are more likely to face coronavirus discrimination in businesses, especially stores, rather than at schools and public transit as previously observed

Examples of the types of discrimination are found after the tables. (% may add up over 100% because respondents could check all that apply to questions)

TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION	%
Barred from Establishment	2.4%
Barred from Transportation	1.0%
Coughed/Spat Upon	2.7%
Online	2.2%
Physical Assault	10.0%
Shunning	23.5%
Verbal Harassment	67.3%
Workplace Discrimination	4.6%
Other	7.4%

REASON FOR DISCRIMINATION	%
Ethnicity	65.5%
Face Mask	14.1%
Food	4.8%
Gender	6.4%
Language	6.4%
Race	89.5%
Religion	1.2%

SITE OF DISCRIMINATION	%
Business	47.0%
Online	8.9%
Private Residence	7.0%
Public Park	15.5%
Public Street	0.6%
Public Transit	15.2%
School	4.2%
University	1.9%
Other	1.2%

LANGUAGE OF RESPONDENT	%
Japanese	1.5%
Korean	0.9%
Chinese Traditional	1.2%
Chinese Simplified	1.9%
English	94.5%

AGE	%
10s	5.3%
20s	30.3%
30s	32.2%
40s	17.9%
50s	7.9%
60s	6.0%
70s	0.5%

GENDER	%
Women	73.6%
Men	25.7%
Non-binary	0.6%

ETHNICITY	%
African American	0.3%
Asian	12.8%
Burmese	0.1%
Cambodian	0.7%
Chinese	38.6%
Filipino	4.2%
Hmong	4.6%
Indonesian	0.0%
Iu Mien	0.3%
Japanese	5.3%
Korean	16.5%
Lao	1.3%
Multiracial	0.9%
Mongolian	0.3%
Taiwanese	5.5%
Thai	0.7%
Vietnamese	7.0%
White	4.5%
Other	0.7%

STATE OF INCIDENT	%
AZ	0.9%
CA	31.8%
CO	1.0%
CT	0.3%
DC	0.6%
FL	1.8%
GA	1.3%
HI	0.3%
IA	0.1%
ID	0.3%
IL	2.5%
LA	0.7%
MA	2.2%
MD	0.7%
MI	0.4%
MN	1.9%
MO	0.3%
NC	0.6%
NH	0.1%
NJ	1.9%
NV	0.6%
NY	12.9%
OH	1.8%
OK	0.6%
OR	0.9%
PA	1.9%
TN	0.1%
TX	0.1%
VA	0.3%
WA	1.8%
WI	1.0%
WY	1.2%
INTERNATIONAL	1.0%

1. Barred from Establishment

- I was shouted and harassed by the cashier, workers, as well as customers at the store to get out of the store. "You Chinese bring the virus here and you dare asking people to keep social distance guideline."
- I was not seen by the employee at my local post office where I have been a regular customer for over 20 years. After patiently waiting as she pointed to others behind me for nearly 45 minutes, I approached the desk when she prompted me to take several steps backwards in a very hostile tone. She had not requested any of the prior customers that had gone ahead of me, and they were also all non-Asians. The sting of her racism and coldness towards me made me feel less than and frankly, dehumanized.

2. Barred from Transportation

- Called for Lyft XL from Int'l Terminal Pickup. Lyft driver arrives. Rolls down window. Mumbles something and speeds off; refusing to give me a ride. It was snowing and I was with my 18 month old son and partner returning from Costa Rica.
- 2 separate Uber drivers would not pick me up due to my race. Each time, the driver would arrive, look at me, and speed off quickly to cancel the ride a minute later. The second driver had a face mask on, and he slowed down enough to look at me and shake his head and wave a hand at me rejecting the ride.

3. Coughed/Spat Upon

- "I took a walk with a friend of mine in Visalia, CA. While we were passing a group of 4 men, one of them coughed into me, not once, but TWICE, without covering his mouth. As I turned my head back, they all burst out laughing. They then biked away.
- "Walking to work, older black man walking towards my direction yelled fucking chinese disease and suddenly stepped near me and spat at me hitting my coat, scarf and face. A lot of disgusting saliva. Cop nearby when I told him he said I could go after the aggressor who was still in plain sight. Younger black man who saw everything backed me up. Cop was useless.

4. Online

- I posted on my timeline "Mexican wall, Chinese virus, what's next America" and people started commenting about how the Chinese is to blame because it started from China. The post was highly aggressive and it made me feel uncomfortable so I decided to delete it.
- I was engaged in an online discussion about the source of covid 19 and got hanged up on by a group of 3 men and one woman. At the end, the woman accused me of being patient 0 and a virus spreader

5. Physical Assault

- A white male assaulted me by throwing his drink in my face and shouting things like "they should be banned" and "they're all disgusting." I then saw him a couple hours later; this time inside the building, rather than outside on the sidewalk, walking around the store. I filed a police report the following day with the Police Station
- I was walking home and someone in a pickup truck threw a bottle at me really hard. He missed.

6. Shunning

- I walked into the train carriage and immediately two teenage girls started screaming and eewwwing and making a show of covering their mouths and faces with a scarf then stood up and ran to the other end of the carriage (which was more crowded) jeering at me.
- As I was walking to my bus, a white, middle-aged man screamed at me to "wear a respirator" because I'm Asian. And when I was on the bus, a middle-aged woman sitting across from me kept staring at me while holding a rosary in front of her. After a few minutes of this, she moved a few seats away from me while maintaining eye contact with me.

7. Verbal Harassment/Name Calling

- Young "white" girl told her parents she was going to "Die" (repeatedly) and her parents asked why? And she said of Coronavirus and pointed in my direction.
- When I was walking in the subway station, a black guy said "Fucking Asian" to me suddenly.

8. Workplace Discrimination

- I'm reporting for a family. My brother in law was asked to go home because someone at his work said his wife had Covid-19. He was not asked if this was true before dismissing him for the day. His wife does not have Covid-19. Both him and his wife are Asian American.
- In a workplace team meeting, I found myself being a target of snarky remarks about being linked to the source and the spread of the coronavirus. I'm not Chinese and I haven't traveled internationally in years. It was ignorance at its best and comments were taken as good humor by others in the room.