



Governor Tim Walz (English)

- “I want to highlight another critical message to all Minnesotans. Our Asian Pacific Islander (API) Minnesotans are experiencing a higher rate of discrimination, hate speech, and disrespectful behavior due to the pandemic that we are all experiencing.”
- “I want to be very clear. The Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in Minnesota are integral to One Minnesota in everything we do.”
- “We as Minnesotans across the state will not tolerate discrimination, racism, or disrespect of our API neighbors now or at any time. It is unacceptable to relate the fear we all have with this pandemic to any group of people and treat those individuals differently.”
- “Viruses don’t discriminate, and neither should we.”
- “If any Minnesotans becomes a victim of a hate crime because of fear around COVID-19, they should contact law enforcement.”
- “If anyone experiences discrimination in their job, housing, or in public place due to COVID-19, they should contact Minnesota Department of Human Rights.”
- “My staff, along with the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Human Rights, and the Attorney General’s Office have been and will continue to work with API community leaders and legislators to hear concerns and find strategies to address this concern.”

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