

In Solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

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Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) denounces and condemns the recent anti-Asian violence in our communities and across the country. The Alliance stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities who have been subjected to increased violence and harassment since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and stemming from structural racism. Many AAPI elders have reported that they are afraid to walk home alone, while business owners arrive at work every day fearing that their stores may be vandalized. It pains us to see any member of our community suffering from acts of violence, and the psychological damage that is inflicted. These acts of terror cannot continue.

While the deadly attacks on multiple Asian women in Atlanta are the most recent incident, hate crimes against AAPI communities, including among elders are not new and have only continued to increase in the first part of this year. According to the [Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center](#), since March 2020, they have received **3,795** reports of which **1,226** incidents took place in California, and more than **700** in the Bay Area – this is equivalent to over 10 attacks per day within the AAPI community. These statistics only represent a fraction of the number of hate incidents and crimes that AAPI people have faced across the United States since a number of these attacks often go unreported.

The AAPI community is not a monolith and encompasses over 50 ethnic groups with rich cultures and traditions. The Alliance recognizes that many of these AAPI communities have been subject to xenophobia and racial violence going back to policies such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and Japanese internment camps established during World War II. According to the Stop AAPI Hate report, anti-Asian rhetoric used by the former U.S. Presidential Administration to place blame on the Asian community for coronavirus continues to propel hate and racial violence against the AAPI community that we are witnessing today.

The Alliance stands against white supremacy and recognizes that we must act together to end all forms of structural racism that impact AAPI, Black, LatinX, Indigenous, and other communities of color that we serve. The Alliance stands in solidarity with the AAPI community. The Alliance will continue to stand and fight for the rights of all people to experience peace and justice in our community.

Only together we are stronger.