



To the Members of our Asian American Communities,

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the world in ways we could never have imagined. Lives are being lost, schools and businesses are closed, and our way of life has drastically changed.

Other consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have also struck us at our core. Across the country, hate/bias crimes and incidents targeting members of the Asian American Community have increased. These crimes are based upon misinformation regarding COVID-19; however, the impact on the victims of these crimes are real and immeasurable. The Pennsylvania State Police would like to reassure the members of our Asian American Communities that we take every allegation of hate/bias crimes and incidents with the seriousness they deserve. Every allegation of hate/bias crimes and incidents against Asian Americans and other minority groups will be investigated thoroughly.

In addition, The Pennsylvania State Police has an entity specifically dedicated to the response and investigation of hate/bias crimes and incidents. This entity is called the Heritage Affairs Section. The Heritage Affairs Section works with federal, state, and local law enforcement, in addition to community organizations, in an effort to address hate/bias crimes and incidents. If you feel that you, or someone you know, were a victim of a hate/bias crime or incident, please report it immediately by calling 911, or your local police department. For non-emergencies, you can also send Tips to PA Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-4PA-Tips (1-800-472-8477), or via email at [tips@pa.gov](mailto:tips@pa.gov). Our dispatchers and Troopers have the capability to communicate in a multitude of languages, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Pennsylvania State Police will not tolerate hate or bias of any kind, and a thorough investigation will follow any report of a hate/bias crime or incident. For more information on hate crimes, the Heritage Affairs Section, or what you can do to keep your community safe, please visit [www.psp.pa.gov](http://www.psp.pa.gov) and follow the "Safety Resources" link. Thank you.