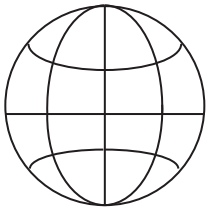


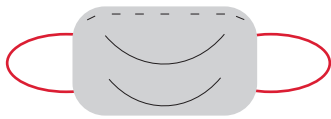
ILLNESS DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE, AND NEITHER DO CYCLONES.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) STIGMA



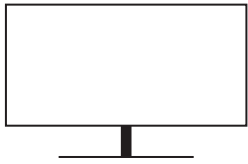
Viruses do not target based on race, nationality or ethnicity.

Individuals of Asian Descent are not more likely to get or spread the virus. COVID-19 started in Wuhan, China, but geographic origin does not correlate with vulnerability to illness.



Wearing a mask does not mean a person is ill.

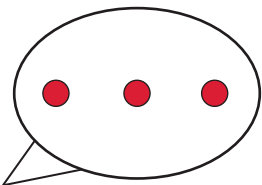
Masks are not exclusively worn because of illness. Cultural and social standards, air pollution and pollen are all reasons someone may wear a mask.



Take the steps to educate yourself.

To ensure that you aren't spreading false information, stay informed through reputable sources such as:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- IDPH: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>
- WHO: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>



Speak up if you hear misinformation or harassment.

Don't be afraid to gently correct someone who is reinforcing the stigma surrounding COVID-19. If you witness or experience harassment on campus, consider reporting it to the Office of Equal Opportunity.



Demonstrate courtesy, sensitivity and respect.

Iowa State University is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive campus. Show compassion to those who have returned from being abroad or are worried about friends and family being affected by COVID-19.