

GAEN stands firm in our mission to promote intercultural understanding through pedagogy and policy change that recognize and respect all identities and backgrounds. Maria Magana, student at Olathe North HS, created this statement in response to racism due to COVID-19.

We have been asked to wash our hands, to stay indoors, to not touch our face before our hands are clean. To not panic. To not travel. To distance ourselves. But what has not been requested, as much as the other rules, is to not harass people of a certain race. There have been many reports and videos that have been popping up on social media platforms about Asian people being harassed due to associating Asians with the Coronavirus. Stop calling it the Chinese virus. You might justify the name by saying that it's just referring to where the virus comes from, but we already know. You are just encouraging fear and racism, whether you are aware of it or not. Please do not spread germs, hate, or false information. Stay safe and keep others safe. – Maria Magana

Resources for communities and school leaders

Facts in Education

[National Center for Education Statistics](#)

Educational Resources

[General Resources](#)

State Policy Responses and other Executive Actions

[Education Commission of the States](#)

Health disparities

[Disparities for peoples of color in the United States](#)

UNICEF

[Coronavirus leading to 'desperately unequal' learning levels: UNICEF](#)

Communities

LGBTQ+

[GLSEN - Love Simon activity for the classroom](#)

[GLSEN - queer youth coming out](#)

<https://www.glsen.org/article/love-simon-coming-out-invisible-identities-lesson>

[Heartstopper teaching resources](#)

<https://www.splyouth.org/post/heartstopper-online-book-club>