



Statement on Racism Against Chinese, East Asian and South East Asian Canadians

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Toronto Neighbourhood Centres* stands in support and solidarity with all Chinese, East Asian and South East Asian communities in Toronto and across the country. We commit to actively fighting daily microaggressions and systemic racism, as well as all forms of misogyny and discrimination that continue to oppress our neighbourhoods and society as a whole.

The recent horrendous violence in Atlanta demonstrates the significant intersection of Anti-Chinese and Asian violence, hatred toward women and other forms of oppression. Canada and Toronto are not immune to this type of hatred and violence as recently highlighted in the report released by Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNCSJ).

According to this [report](#):

- 1150 incidents of anti-East Asian racism have been reported since COVID-19, reported through two websites, [covidracism.ca](#) and [elimin8hate.org](#), between March 10, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021;
- 40% of all incidents reported were in Ontario, second only to B.C. with 44%;
- 60% of victims identified as women;
- almost one third of reported incidents (30%) involved a form of assault, including targeted coughing, spitting or physical violence; 11% of cases included violent physical assault or unwanted contact;
- one fifth of all racist attacks/incidents occur on our streets, in public spaces and food spaces such as grocery stores;

We acknowledge that we must be steadfast in tackling structural discrimination and advancing ongoing anti-oppression work within our organizations. We are mindful of the responsibilities that come with leadership and commit to accountability as we seek to dismantle systems of oppression. Toronto Neighbourhood Centres remains committed to building inclusive organizations that actively support our communities to be safe, prosperous places for everyone to thrive.

We can all act:

- Report racist incidents here: <https://www.covidracism.ca/> and access information here: <https://www.covidracism.ca/resources>
- Visit [Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice](#) and the Toronto-based [Asian and migrant sex worker support network - Butterfly](#) to learn more and help with actions
- Learn more about or join campaigns: #StopAsianHateToronto, #EndAsianHateCrimes #StopAsianHate, [www.elimin8hate.org](#), #FaceRace
- Community members in need of support can **call 211**, a free, 24 hour helpline supported by United Way of Greater Toronto

From the TNC Board of Directors and Staff - on behalf of our membership network of twenty-six multi-service community organizations. April, 2021

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