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### **Solidarity Message to the AAPI Community**

The inflammatory and xenophobic incidents Asian Americans experience as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has a long-rooted history in the United States. Since 2020, Anti-Asian hate incidents and hate crimes has risen 150% in major U.S. cities. Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFH) stands up with our Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community. We express our condolences to all the victims and their families who have been impacted by the abhorrent anti-Asian attacks. We recognize that racism is a public health crisis, and as a community health center, racism has no home here.

Diversity is just one of HOFH's hallmark principles. We constantly seek a richer understanding and a deeper appreciation, helpfulness and respect to all people at all times. At HOFH, we stand in solidarity to condemn and denounce all acts of discrimination, prejudice and xenophobia against the AAPI community. To the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders community, we are here for you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Buhari Mohammed, CEO

#### **About Heart of Ohio Family Health**

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.

To read all of Heart of Ohio Family Health COVID-19 news updates, visit <https://heartofohiofamilyhealth.org/our-community/covid-19-updates>.

To learn more about Heart of Ohio Family Health, visit [www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org](http://www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org).



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