

Dear UD community,

Over the weekend, racist and xenophobic flyers targeting Asian and Asian American students, especially Chinese students and scholars, were left on cars and doorsteps at several Newark apartment complexes where international students and members of the Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIIDA) community reside. All of us are appalled that this has occurred in our community, and we send our support to the victims and to all individuals who may have fears about being targeted. As UD President Assanis explained in his [recent message](#) to the UD community, the University of Delaware condemns all forms of hate and discrimination.

This [incident](#) is being investigated by Newark Police. The origin of the flyers — which contained the text “Kill Chinese Virus” — is unknown. Anyone with information about this incident or others, or who may be concerned about their immediate safety, is asked to call 911 to report to the Newark Police Department. The UD Police Department is also available through the [LiveSafe App](#) or by contacting (302) 831-2222 to report a tip or request [safety support](#), such as a “safe walk” to monitor and talk to you as you travel through the community.

It is evident that COVID-19 has led to an increase in racist and xenophobic acts such as this one. We understand that you may feel greater fear about your safety. Please know that the entire University community stands in solidarity with you during these most challenging of times.

Additional support is available to those affected by these acts through University of Delaware support offices:

- Students can call the UD Helpline 24/7 to speak with a counselor at (302) 831-1001.
- The UD [Center for Counseling and Student Development](#) staff is available to meet with you virtually individually or as a group to provide emotional support.
- Students who are concerned about how this will affect their academics, or who would like additional support for and advocacy from the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) can contact deanofstudents@udel.edu.
- The [Office for International Students and Scholars](#) (oiss@udel.edu or (302) 831-2115) is available to assist international students and scholars with any questions and concerns about their immigration status in the U.S. and their experience at UD.
- Students living in off-campus housing should report any incidents to the Newark Police Department (911) and can follow up with the UD Police Department ((302) 831-2222).
- Additional University resources including the discrimination reporting form are available through the [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#).

UD remains committed to ensuring a welcoming, respectful environment for all members of the UD community. We are here for you.

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