

# As Coronavirus Panic Increases, So Does Racism Toward Asian People

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David Barron discussed with *Best Life* about how employers should take extra care to avoid workplace discrimination as coronavirus fears increase. "A lot of employers are putting together emergency response plans right now," David said. "It's important not to create hysteria, as that tends to result in people blaming certain groups for their issues, which creates a hostile work environment. And you can't assume that someone should stay home because they're South Korean." David also said that while it's legal for companies to place travel bans on certain countries, they should be mindful of how that might impact employees whose families are from those countries and may experience discrimination as a result. "Most of this is common sense," he said. "But people tend to lose their common sense when they're under pressure."

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