



Immigrants in COVID Minnesota

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Health

- **Increased Risk**
 - Essential workers
- **Immigration Status**
 - No health insurance
 - Identification and confidentiality
- **Language Barriers**
 - ESL or no English
 - Hard to find translators
- **Advocacy Groups**
 - Helplines
 - Providing aid and resources



Immigration Policy

- Immigration Status
 - Stimulus checks and other aid
- ICE Detention Centers and Prisons
 - Super Spreaders
 - Inadequate testing and treatment
 - Applications for home monitoring denied
- Court Shutdowns
 - Delays in immigration case decisions
 - Affected voting, healthcare, and aid



Workers and Economic Impact

- Disproportionately Affected
 - Outbreaks in essential work
- Transitioning to Online School
 - Inaccessible resources and technology
- Funding from Advocacy Groups
- Relying on Community
 - Small businesses work together
 - Churches provide testing and vaccinations



Anti-Asian Xenophobia

- Reported on Less
- Significant Increase
 - Rhetoric of Trump Administration
 - Threatening notes, property damage, physical violence
- Leaders Show Support
 - Minnesota Asian Pacific Caucus
- Uptick in protesting
 - 2021 Atlanta Spa Shootings



Vaccines and Equity

- Unequal Distribution
- Vaccine Hesitancy
 - Distrust in government
 - Misinformation and language barriers
- Vaccination Strategies
 - Trusted leaders
 - Using media
 - No ways to trace back to immigration status