Discrimination Based on Fear of Coronavirus Disease 2019 is Illegal

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) defines the Coronavirus disease 2019 as a “respiratory illness that can spread from person to person”. It has also been reported that the virus is spread amongst people who are in close proximity (within 6 ft.) of one another through “respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes”. Although there may be fears contributed to this disease, it is illegal to discriminate against individuals based upon fear of the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

- NO ONE should be denied employment or access to places that are open to the public based upon their; race, ethnicity, where they were born, or any perceived disability. This includes believing or suspecting them to have the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

- NO ONE should be denied emergency room care or be denied assistance from health care providers. Emergency departments must provide appropriate medical care irrespective of the ability to pay, immigration status or where someone is born.

For Health Updates

If you have questions about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and its signs and symptoms, call the Vanderburgh County Health Department at 812-435-2400 or visit:

https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm

Need Help?

If you have experienced discrimination due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, and want to file a complaint, contact the Human Relations Commission (HRC).


Phone: 812-436-4927
Email: hrc@evansville.in.gov

The HRC is mandated to enforce anti-discrimination and civil rights laws for the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County.