Privacy Policy

What data do we collect?

In order to effectively process and promote the research of your coughs through AI algorithms, we collect the following data:
- Your age group
- Your biological sex
- Your smoking history for the past ten years
- Your relevant medical history
- Your COVID-19 symptoms
- Your test result for COVID-19
- The timeframe of your COVID-19 test
- Your calibration recording (e.g., speech)
- Your cough sample recording

How do we use your data?

We use your data to conduct research and develop an application for smartphones that uses artificial intelligence to diagnose COVID-19. Based on the information you provided, we will train machine learning models to analyze your audio recordings and then determine early signs of COVID-19.

Where is your data stored?

We use JotForms for data collection. JotForms complies with HIPAA by storing the data in a secure application with restricted access and controls. Your data will be stored with JotForms until it is downloaded by us. We will store the data in an encrypted database with restricted access. Your data will be stored anonymously and would not be linked to your medical records.

How is this data shared?

Your data comprises your consent form and anonymous information. Access to your data is restricted to our research team. Since we are not collecting any identifiable data, your identity shall remain anonymous throughout, and after the completion of the study. When the research is completed, we will retain your data for five years,for future research purposes only, which may be conducted by other investigators or us. We may distribute your anonymous data to other distributors for future research studies without additional informed consent. We may also publish or present the results of this study containing your anonymous information. We will not link and share your anonymous data with any other outside parties, including health providers, insurance companies, and employers. However, your personal information may be released if required by the law.

For how long is your data stored?

We will store your anonymized data for five years, for future research studies conducted by other investigators or us.

How can you manage or delete your data?

You can manage or delete your data by contacting us at study@virufy.org, with the subject "Data Privacy Concern: Verification Number." The verification number is the special number we provided you on your successful completion of the JotForm survey.

How can you exercise your rights provided under the CCPA?

The CCPA provides you the following rights:
- Right to Know: You have the right to request that we disclose to you the Personal Information we collect, use, or disclose, and the information about our data practices;
- Right to Request Deletion: You have the right to request that we delete your Personal Information that we have collected from you;
- Right to Non-Discrimination: We will not discriminate against you for exercising any of these rights.

To exercise your "right to know" or your "right to deletion," contact us at study@virufy.org, with the subject "Data Privacy Concern: Verification Number." The verification number is the special number we provided you on your successful completion of the JotForm survey.

How can you contact us with questions?

If you have any concerns relating to the privacy of your information, please contact us at study@virufy.org.

Thank you for donating your coughs to help stop COVID!