Covid Watch

Fighting COVID-19 while defending your privacy

COVID Watch will empower people all over the world to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19 without sacrificing personal privacy. Our international team is completing work on a decentralized app that will trace users' interactions and alert them if they have been exposed to the novel coronavirus.

A false choice

The world is moving at breakneck speed to contain this virus' spread. As cases have skyrocketed, there is a danger of choosing protection over privacy, tracking citizens over time and limiting their freedom. COVID Watch believes this presents a false choice that could become a dangerous precedent. Everyone has a right to privacy, even in a time of crisis. Centralizing or publicly distributing personal data – especially related to an individual's health – should not become the new normal. We can trace this virus without tracking citizens.

Tracing without tracking

When two users are in close proximity, their phones automatically log this contact. That trace information is not sent to anyone - no government officials or private companies. When a user is diagnosed with COVID-19, all other users they contacted are notified that they may be infected, without disclosing the identity of the notified or infected users. Those who are notified are then empowered to take immediate steps to test and isolate.

Our project

This project relies on an international team of dozens of researchers, engineers and scientists with the support of Stanford University. Our beta app works on both iOS and Android. We are testing it now internally for public release within two weeks.
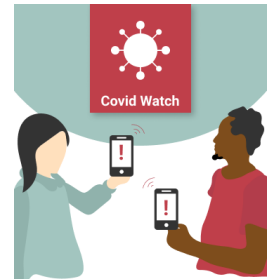
Cooperation in crisis

To succeed, we are seeking cooperation from health authorities around the globe. Those talks are ongoing and would allow us to release the app in certain localities with up-to-date COVID-19 data within a month. There are other apps being developed at the same time who share either our privacy focus or relevant underlying technology, such as MIT Private Kit: Safe Paths and Singapore's TraceTogether. We are actively collaborating with many of them.

What's next

COVID Watch believes our Bluetooth tracing protocol will prove to be the most effective and private. A vaccine for the coronavirus is still more than a year away. Until then, apps like ours will be vital to prevent spread. We are working with other teams to ensure consistency across apps and set new standards in this unprecedented time. Widespread adoption of those standards is what will keep us safe going forward.

To achieve that, we need to foster cooperation and openness right now between public health agencies and the world's best engineers to protect our privacy and our health. Let's watch out for each other, together.

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Welcome to Covid Watch
Join the neighborhood watch for the era of COVID-19. Together, we can save lives.

Get Started >
Learn about how we protect your data
No sign-up information required.

You have NOT been in contact with COVID-19!
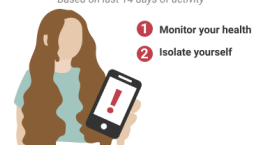Based on last 14 days of activity

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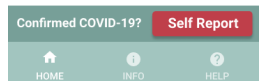Ask family and friends to join the COVID Watch Team

Confirmed COVID-19? **Self Report**

HOME   INFO   HELP

You HAVE BEEN in contact with COVID-19!
Based on last 14 days of activity

1 Monitor your health
2 Isolate yourself

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