

Canada's COVID-19 Exposure Notification App

- On June 18th, the Prime Minister announced the upcoming launch of a new nation-wide mobile app to provide notifications of exposure to COVID-19.
- This initiative is a partnership between Health Canada, Innovation Science and Economic Development, the Canadian Digital Service, and the Ontario Digital Service, and builds upon technology developed by Shopify volunteers.
- The app will use Bluetooth technology to anonymously alert the user if they have been in contact with another app user who subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.
- If someone tests positive for COVID-19, a health care provider will give them a unique temporary code, which will enable them to anonymously upload their status to a national network with the app.
- Users who have downloaded the app and come into contact with a person who has uploaded their status will be notified that they may have been exposed to the virus.