Privacy-safe contact tracing using Bluetooth Low Energy

- Explicit user consent required
- Doesn’t collect personally identifiable information or user location data
- List of people you’ve been in contact with never leaves your phone
- People who test positive are not identified to other users, Google or Apple
- Will only be used for contact tracing by public health authorities for COVID-19 pandemic management
- Doesn’t matter if you have an Android phone or an iPhone - works across both
Alice and Bob meet each other for the first time and have a 10-minute conversation.

Their phones exchange anonymous identifier beacons (which change frequently).

Bob is positively diagnosed for COVID-19 and enters the test result in an app from a public health authority.

A few days later…

With Bob’s consent, his phone uploads the last 14 days of keys for his broadcast beacons to the cloud.

Apps can only get more information via user consent.

~14 day temporary store
Alice sees a notification on her phone.

ALERT: You have recently been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.
Tap for more information -->

Alice continues her day unaware she had been near a potentially contagious person.

Alice’s phone periodically downloads the broadcast beacon keys of everyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in her region. A match is found with the Bob’s anonymous identifier beacons.

A match is found

Sometime later...

Alice’s phone receives a notification with information about what to do next.

Additional information is provided by the health authority app or website

Anonymous identifier keys are downloaded periodically