

Risks with coronavirus tracing apps go beyond privacy | Los Angeles Times

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Last week, the world got a preview of how Google and Apple's [contact tracing project](#) might [look and function](#). Some privacy and security [experts](#) have expressed cautious optimism that the effort could be a potentially useful tool to aid public health contact tracers while protecting privacy.

The project modifies the iOS and Android systems to allow government health agencies to build apps that use a mobile phone's Bluetooth communication capabilities. These apps would make it possible for a person who tests positive for the coronavirus to send out an "exposure" notification to the phones of other app users to alert them that their phones had been in the vicinity of the infected person's phone during a given period. People getting this information could decide to self-isolate or get tested. The app would not reveal anyone's identity.

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