HOW WA NOTIFY WORKS

Washington Exposure Notifications (WA Notify) is an important new tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Just like wearing a mask, distancing and keeping gatherings small, WA Notify is a simple tool to protect our community.

WA Notify works through smartphones, without sharing any personal information, to alert users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. **It is completely private, and doesn't know or track who you are or where you go.**

Studies show that the more people who use exposure notification technology, the greater the benefit. Data models in Washington state show that even a small number of people using WA Notify would reduce infections and deaths.

ADD WA NOTIFY TO YOUR PHONE

On an iPhone:
1. Go to Settings
2. Scroll down to Exposure Notifications
3. Click "Turn On Exposure Notifications"
4. Select United States
5. Select Washington

On an Android phone:
1. Go to the Google Play Store
2. Search WA Exposure Notifications to easily find the app
3. Download the Washington Exposure Notifications app

ONCE YOU ADD WA NOTIFY TO YOUR PHONE
Here's how it works to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

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When two people using WA Notify on their smartphones are near each other, their phones exchange random codes using Bluetooth. **The code is completely anonymous, with no location tracking or exchange of personal information.**

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When someone in Washington tests positive and public health reaches out to them, they will be asked if they have WA Notify and given a verification code.

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The person who tests positive then enters the verification code into WA Notify. This is voluntary.

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Anyone who also has WA Notify and has been near the user who tested positive for a significant length of time in the last 14 days will receive an anonymous alert that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

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Notifications have a link to information about what to do next to protect yourself and others. They do not contain any information about who tested positive or where the exposure may have happened.