# **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

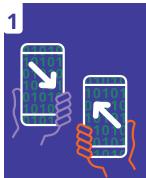
#### On an Android phone:

- 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



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.



No news is good news. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, public health will contact them via call or text, and provide them with a WA Notify verification link.



The person who tests positive clicks the link to confirm their result in WA Notify – a voluntary, yet essential step in the process.



WA Notify users receive a notification that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 if they spent 15 minutes or more near an anonymous WA Notify user who tested positive in the last 14 days.



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.