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SUBJECT: Regarding breach of personal information of COVID 19 positive cases.

It has been brought to the notice of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by Intelligence Bureau that sensitive personally identifiable information of Corona Positive cases and suspects have been leaked and is circulating on various whatsapp and social media platforms and which may be misused by unintended recipients.

Keeping in view the deleterious consequences of such data theft or breach in data security such as profiling of individual, stigmatization of any positive case, threat to life, unwanted court cases and other unforeseen consequences, the State Surveillance Officers are requested to formulate data privacy norms. Personally identifiable data may be shared with discretion and strict privacy should be ensured.

Warm Regards,

(Suject Singh)

State Surveillance Officers (As per list attached)

Copy to:

- 1. Principal Secretary Health (States)
- 2. MD NHM (States)





