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Nova Scotia's Information and Privacy Commissioner's statement on COVID-19

Nova Scotia's access and privacy laws are designed to protect people's privacy but also to share information where public bodies determine that compelling circumstances exist that affect anyone's health or safety.

The Provincial Health Officer has broad authority to collect and use personal information in the public interest during times like these and is well versed in these matters.

The OIPC is available to provide guidance to public bodies and the Public Health Office.

If you work for a public body and are unsure of your responsibilities or authority to collect and use personal information, please contact our office by email at oipecns@novascotia.ca. We have closed the office but are working remotely.

If you need to report a presumptive case of COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms, please call 811.

For more information, visit <https://oipc.novascotia.ca>.