



## DC COVID ALERT NOTICE

# Add Your Phone to the COVID-19 Fight!

## What is the DC COVID Alert Notice?

The DC COVID Alert Notice or DC CAN is the official COVID-19 Exposure Notification Express system for the District of Columbia offered through DC Health. This system was developed to assist the contact tracing efforts by the Coronavirus Contact Trace Force. Contact tracing is a technique used by public health authorities to contact and give guidance to anyone who may have been exposed to a person who has contracted COVID-19. This technique will be an essential part of transitioning back to daily life while managing the risk of further outbreaks.

## How does DC CAN work?

DC CAN works by assigning you a random number called a 'random ID'. To ensure these random IDs cannot be used to identify users or their whereabouts, they change every 10-20 minutes. As the user goes on about their day, their devices and other devices around them exchange these random IDs via Bluetooth Low Energy technology.

On a daily basis, DC CAN downloads a list of all the random IDs associated with positive COVID-19 cases and checks them against the random IDs users have encountered in the last 14 days. If there's a match, the system may notify users considering the day of exposure, how long it lasted, and the Bluetooth signal strength of the contact. No other information about the exposure will be shared.

## Where can I download DC CAN?

For Android users, download DC CAN through Google Play. Open the Settings feature within the app, click Exposure Notifications and turn the switch to "On".

For Apple users, simply go to your Settings and click Exposure Notifications. You must select your region as District of Columbia and then complete the onboarding.

## Will DC CAN protect my privacy?

Your privacy is very important to not only us, but to Apple and Google, so they've made the user in charge of how much information you'd like to share. The system only works in the user decides to opt-in. You control whether you receive Exposure Notifications and if you change your mind, you can turn it off any time. DC CAN does not track your location. It does not collect or use the location from your device. It uses Bluetooth, which can be used to detect if two devices are near each other – without revealing where the devices are.

All the Exposure Notification matching happens on your smartphone. The system does not share your identity with other users, Apple or Google.

## Where can I find more information about DC CAN?

Additional information about DC CAN is available at [coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan).