



**BC Centre for Disease Control**  
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## **INFORMATION ON THE BCCDC COVID-19 CONSENT TO CONTACT REGISTRY**

*The information provided here is for researchers in BC who are interested in contacting COVID-19 patients for the purpose of study recruitment.*

**Registry Scope:** Individuals in BC who have tested positive for COVID-19, and consented to be contacted about research related to COVID-19.

The Registry is connected to the [REACH BC](#) platform, an online platform that connects British Columbians to health research opportunities seeking study participants or patient partners. Individuals in the Registry over the age of 16 with e-mail addresses are also added to REACH BC. REACH BC also includes individuals who may not have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Recruitment through REACH BC and the BCCDC COVID-19 Consent Registry can be done in parallel.

### **Information Available:**

- Name
- PHN
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Mailing Address
- Sex
- Date of symptom onset
- Date of reported case
- Hospitalization status
- Pregnancy status
- Health authority

**Requests for Contacts of COVID-19 Patients:** Researchers who are interested in accessing the registry must first submit their request through the [COVID-19 Clinical Research Coordination Initiative \(CRCI\) Request Form](#).

**Study Requirements:** In order to be considered for access the registry, the following requirements must be met.

1. Principal investigator of the study must:
  - a. Have a faculty appointment at a public post-secondary institution with a Research Ethics Board in British Columbia, OR
  - b. Be a medical staff or employee appointment at a health authority with a principal investigator designation for a project in British Columbia
2. Study is related to COVID-19 research
3. Study has approval from an academic Research Ethics Board in BC

**Review Process:** The study will be reviewed by the CRCI based on the following:

- Relevance to provincial COVID-19 research priorities
- The significance of study's results on the greater community
- The urgency required in contacting COVID-19 patients
- The need to access a diverse population of COVID-19 patients across BC



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**Review Timelines:** It will take up to two weeks to review the request. You may choose to submit your request while ethics review is in progress. Final approval for access will be provided after ethics approval has been obtained.

**Access to the Registry:** If requirements are met and the study is recommended by the CRCI, the study principal investigator or designated research team member will be provided access to the Registry database to contact potential subjects for the research study.

**Researcher Responsibilities:** The study team is responsible for contacting individuals to consent them to the study. Approved methods of contact include phone, e-mail, text message or mail. Upon completion of the recruitment process, access will be de-provisioned to the Registry.

**Terms and Conditions:** All data requests must abide by the Terms and Conditions document available on the BCCDC data access webpage. Please thoroughly review these Terms and Conditions before you sign the request form. By signing the data request application, you agree to the Terms and Conditions document.

**Questions:** Any questions or notices concerning your request or the submission process can be submitted to [covidresearch@bccdc.ca](mailto:covidresearch@bccdc.ca).