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BC Information and Privacy Commissioner’s statement on COVID-19

VICTORIA—BC’s access and privacy laws are designed to make sure that people, whether they work for a public body or organization, can share information to protect the health and safety of British Columbians. Our Provincial Health Officer, with whom we are in close contact, has broad authority to collect and use personal information in the public interest during times like these and is well versed in these matters.

If you work for a public body or private organization and are unsure of your responsibilities or authority to collect and use personal information, please contact our office by phone at 250-387-5629 or info@oipc.bc.ca.

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

For more information, visit www.oipc.bc.ca