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COVID-19 and HIPAA

Today, we published the most recent Office of Civil Rights regarding HIPAA and their recommendations for first responders.

Keep in mind that HIPAA is a federal law. As such, most states have specific HIPAA laws that may be more restrictive than the federal law. In cases where the state law may be more restrictive, the agency is required to follow the state laws. Specifically, NC has released the following blog: [Disclosing Information about People with COVID-19 to First Responders](#). Please refer to your state agency for any additional restrictions that may be in place for responding to COVID-19.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights released a Q/A resource regarding the HIPAA disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities in response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 and HIPAA Q/A Resource

If you have any further questions please reach out to your Strategic Account Manager.

Thank you,

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