

Dear Mr. Stauffacher

We thank you for your letter with recommendations from ICT4Peace regarding the planned application for proximity tracing (Swiss PT App).

We would like to address the issues raised, such as data collection and deletion, limitation of the scope and duration, transparency and voluntariness.

The requirements of the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (EDÖB) and the National Ethics Committee NEK were taken into account in the technical implementation and legal regulations. The Swiss PT app is technically based on the so-called DP-3T concept of EPFL (Decentralized Privacy Preserving Proximity Tracing) and thus on the principle of "privacy by design".

The system ensures that only the data that is necessary for the operation of the overall system is saved in each component. The app only runs on the users' mobile phones, the code management

front end for validating the positive test result on devices of the authorized medical personnel. The overall system with these components is entirely under the responsibility of the Federal Office for Health, BAG. This decentralized function through the structure serves in particular to protect data.

The data will be destroyed as soon as it is no longer needed. For example, the data that is only relevant for the period of possible infection is continuously deleted after 21 days. The use of the Swiss PT app is also limited to the duration of the crisis.

The installation of the app and its use are voluntary. The Bluetooth function can be switched on or off at any time and a user who has tested positive can decide whether he or she wants to inform the other users anonymously about the positive test result via the Swiss PT app.

The aim of the Swiss PT app is to inform people that they may have been infected. Automatically and anonymously. Users who have been notified in this way can contact the hotline specified in the app and clarify the next steps. Privacy is

maintained throughout. If notified app users have Covid-19-specific symptoms, they should avoid contact with other people and contact their doctor. This solidarity towards society can break the chain of infection.

We hope that with this information we were able to respond to the aspects mentioned in your letter and remain with best regards,

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(Original letter translated with the help of Google translate)