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To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska COVID ENX is a proposed COVID-19 exposure notification system (ENX) that will provide users with early notification of possible exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19, allowing them to take steps early to protect themselves and their communities.

The University of Alaska Anchorage believes that Alaska COVID ENX represents a promising tool to assist with public health efforts and combat COVID-19 anonymously and securely. As such, the University supports this app and plans to pilot it to assess its suitability in the state of Alaska as has been done in other states.

The State of Alaska Division of Public Health (SOADPH) is a public health authority, and both acknowledges the University of Alaska Anchorage ENX pilot effort and confirms the SOADPH does not plan to develop or initiate their own ENX app. SOADPH acknowledges that UAA will be solely responsible for the initiation, management, and deployment of the ENX application statewide. All data collection processes, and data management will be handled exclusively by UAA as the sole authorized user of the Google / Apple Exposure Notification system in Alaska.

The State of Alaska Division of Public Health and the University of Alaska Anchorage will continue to partner on contact tracing efforts. Additional details regarding ENX are below.

ENX is designed to make it possible to combat the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 by anonymously notifying people of potential exposure by means of a message sent to mobile phones with the consent of the infected person. Along with this message, public health authorities will be able to send additional health information to people who may be at risk of exposure to the virus. These digital alerts will supplement and increase the efficiency of contact tracing efforts that public health authorities are already performing for each confirmed case.

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