

Cobourg Police Services Board

DISCLOSURE OF COVID-19 STATUS INFORMATION BY LABORATORIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

Statutory Provisions:

All Chiefs Memo 2020 - 20-0041 Disclosure of COVID-19 Status

Application:

As part of the effort to support emergency frontline responders and contain the spread of COVID-19. The government has made an emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (O. Reg. 120/20: Order under subsection 7.0.2(4) of the Act- access to COVID-19 status information by specified persons) that would enable police services to obtain COVID-19 status information from specified custodians (i.e. medical officers of health and licensed laboratories).

COVID -19 status information consists of name, address, date of birth and whether the individual has had a positive test.

Therefore, it is the policy of the CPSB that the Chief of Police shall develop and maintain procedures that are consistent with the most recent order established under the Act. These procedures should include the circumstances that the Chief of Police may provide COVID-19 status information to policing personnel and how such information is stored. The procedures must ensure that access to COVID-19 (positive) information is prohibited at the conclusion of the provincial emergency and ensure destruction of that information as soon as permitted by law.

Administration:

That the Disclosure of Covid-19 Status Information by Laboratories and Public Health Units Policy is hereby enacted by the Cobourg Police Services Board on this 21st day of April 2020 and shall take effect on this date.

Dean Pepper, Chair Cobourg Police Services Board