



## NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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Chief of Police Bryan MacCulloch, M.O.M., BA, MA

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Abby Dushman  
Director, Criminal Justice Program CCLA  
900-90 Eglinton Ave. E  
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Attention: Ms. Dushman

Re: Niagara Regional Police Service's access to COVID-19 Status Information

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We are in receipt of your letter to the Niagara Region Police Services Board dated August 17, 2020, in relation to the above noted matter.

On April 3, 2020, the province passed O. Regulation 120/20 – Access to COVID-19 Status Information by Specified Persons under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. The Niagara Regional Police Service activated the database April 14, 2020. I can confirm that our Service conducted 8 queries in relation to two individuals. A Communications Operator queried the same person 6 times in relation to a call for service (during the same time period) and a second member queried an individual twice stemming from an investigation. No information was captured, downloaded or retained within our Records Management System, Computer Aided Dispatch system or officer duty books.

I can further confirm that COVID-19 data has not been accessed since the revocation of the provincial regulation. I trust this meets with your approval. Please advise if you require further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Bryan MacCulloch M.O.M.  
Chief of Police

cc: Chair Ken Gansel, Niagara Region Police Services Board  
Ruth Goba, Executive Director Black Legal Action Centre  
Christa Big Canoe, Legal Advocacy Director Aboriginal Legal Services  
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