

## RE: [EXTERNAL] COVID-19 Tech and Research Task Force: March 22 Update

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Lynne,

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Thanks.  
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Dear Connor, Madi, Josh,

Many thanks for the updates. Your group has been great at pulling together industry and organizing folks during this crisis around issues of importance to your group.

I just want to make sure there is no confusion among your members – the Tech Task Force is a private sector group with no government affiliation. Given that, can you please remove me and my OSTP colleagues from any Task Force emails and calendar invitations? Our inclusion may be confusing to your members, and be misinterpreted as the USG endorsing this effort or it being a joint effort.

We were glad to connect you with the CDC who described their data gaps in modeling the effects of mitigation strategies on disease transmission. But it is worth noting that WH OSTP is not engaged in any activities relating to location data. If you are able to help CDC in their modeling work, then that would be great. But OSTP does not need to be looped into those efforts.

I encourage you as private sector tech companies to continue self-organizing around any topics you think will make a difference in this challenging time.

All the best,  
Lynne

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Hello All -

Thank you for your quick contributions over the past week. We have some key updates to share with you:

1. ***Weekly Task Force-wide update calls will take place on Tuesdays at 5-5:30pm ET.*** We will use these calls to discuss updates on workstream progress and communications with government. Please attend and share ideas and resources that could help us maximize the impact of member work. *We will circulate invitations later tonight and an agenda tomorrow.*
2. ***We have onboarded PMs for each of our workstreams.*** Please expect emails from the relevant PMs on the specific workstreams that you have signed up for.

We continue to clarify the scope of the Task Force's workstreams based on needs identified in ongoing conversations with the CDC, White House (OSTP and OAI), and Harvard School of Public Health. We are passing workstream descriptions along in consolidated form for those of you who joined us recently, or who have not participated in all workstream calls:

1. **Location Data Stream** - Develop dashboards and data pipelines that provide researchers, policymakers, and epidemiologists with information about efficacy of enacted response policies, such as social distancing, which allow them to forecast the spread of COVID-19 and better inform decision makers for both policy and resource allocation.

For example, members have developed a dashboard identifying social distancing metrics, including radius of gyration and entropy, in the 500 biggest cities in the country. At its most basic, this tool could be used to measure the success of social distancing policies enacted in communities across the country, and allow governments to adjust as necessary. Below are preliminary snapshots of the dashboard, which is still a work in progress with researchers. Red indicates higher levels of movement and blue indicates lower levels.



2. **Clinical Data Stream** - There is significant, high-quality granular data, which cannot currently be used because it contains or is tied to personal information. The use of that data could make a material difference to our response to COVID-19. We intend to rapidly increase availability of this data by working with providers on de-identification and aggregation, and use the data collected to develop dashboards and pipelines for health systems, policymakers, and researchers.
3. **Hosting and Privacy Stream** - Ensure that all of our data collection, storage, and use complies with privacy regulations and ethical concerns, while also ensuring that we are effectively using available data to respond to COVID-19. This stream is complementary to (1) and (2); we have extracted it because maintaining compliance with privacy and ethical considerations is a significant and necessary task.
4. **State + Local Stream** - Provide state and local policymakers, regulators, and health systems with tools and data they can leverage to most effectively respond to COVID-19.

Please reach out to (b)(6) or (b)(6) if you have any questions or input.

Thank you,

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