

Topic: Confidentiality

CODE OF MASSACHUSETTS REGULATIONS TITLE 105: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER 300.000: REPORTABLE DISEASES AND ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS [105 CMR 300.000]

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All personally identifying information, whether kept in an electronic system or paper format, including but not limited to, reports of disease, records of interviews, written or electronic reports, statements, notes, and memoranda, about any individual that is reported to or collected by the Department or local boards of health pursuant to 105 CMR 300.000 et seq., shall be protected by persons with knowledge of such identity. Except when necessary for disease investigation, control, treatment and prevention purposes, the Department and local boards of health shall not disclose any personally identifying information without the individual's written consent. Only those Department and local board of health employees who have a specific need to review personal data records for lawful purposes of the Department or local board of health shall be entitled access to such records. The Department and local boards of health shall ensure that all paper records and electronic data systems relating to information that is reported to or collected by the Department or local boards of health pursuant to 105 CMR 300.000 et seq. are kept secure and, to the greatest extent practical, kept in controlled access areas.