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Alberta Government launches the app ABTraceTogether

The Philippine Consulate General in Calgary wishes to inform the Filipino community that the Government of Alberta has launched a contact-tracing smartphone app called **ABTraceTogether** as part of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy.

According to the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, the **ABTraceTogether** is a secure smartphone application that can be downloaded onto phones and uses Bluetooth signals to detect when it is near another phone running the app. The phones exchange encrypted digital IDs.

If users are diagnosed with COVID-19, they can choose to share their data with contact tracers from Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services who will then notify the other **ABTraceTogether** users whom they have come into contact with.

Data is encrypted and stored on the individual's phone for 21 days and will only be accessed if the user is identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19. Following are additional features of the **ABTraceTogether**:

- Participation is 100% voluntary.
- The application does not track locations or GPS information.
- Nothing identifiable is exchanged between phones.
- Only encrypted ID information is shared.
- Albertans' information will never be shared with the government.

More information on the app may be found at www.alberta.ca/ab-trace-together.aspx. The app may be downloaded from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The PCG thanks the Filipino community in Alberta for their cooperation and support for the public health measures of the Alberta Government in containing the COVID-19 outbreak. END

