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Jennifer McKenzie and Amanda Branch coauthored an article "PANTHR: Ontario's Commendable Use of De-Identified Personal Health Information", published in the Canadian Privacy Law Review, June 2020 issue.

This article provides an update on how the Ontario government is addressing the tension between the protection of individual privacy and the disclosure of information related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We [previously](#) touched upon the response from various Canadian regulators relating to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information in times of a pandemic.

"Personal information" is generally defined in federal and provincial law as information about an identifiable individual. Properly aggregated and anonymized data does not contain personal information and is therefore not subject to privacy legislation. The issue is how to de-identify an individual from his/her information so that information is truly anonymized and privacy is protected while also ensuring important data is available to those who need it.

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