Facts about Contact Tracing for COVID-19

States are “deploying armies” of contact tracers to locate the contacts of people with COVID-19. So, consider this. First, you are not required to share your contacts or recent locations. If someone comes to your door, you can refuse to answer questions or let them in. Just shut the door. If they call, politely hang up the phone. If they come to your hospital room, if necessary, call hospital security. To be forced to speak is a violation of your freedom of speech rights.

On the other hand, if you want to participate, consider this: Your contacts may not have been exposed long enough to get infected, but contact tracers will target them for testing. If they refuse, they could be forced into quarantine, in other words, house arrest, depending on your state law. Once you share the information you cannot control how it is used.