**Discussion Board 3 “Infectious Disease Surveillance”**

* Explain what you consider to be the ethical considerations inherent in sharing health informatics data.
* State your position on whether it is more important, from an ethical standpoint, to protect an individual’s identity or to protect the community’s health. Frame this in the context of an ethical dilemma.
* Explain how HIPAA applies to public health surveillance activities, both during normal times and during a public health emergency.
* Analyze what information public health departments might share with the media, emergency responders, law enforcement, and others. Justify your response. Provide disease surveillance and informatics examples.

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<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/national-international/pennsylvania-contact-tracing-breach-impacts-private-info-of-72k-people/3029773/>

Reevaluate your earlier position, considering:

* If it is more important, from an ethical standpoint, to protect an individual’s identity or to protect the community’s health.
* How HIPAA was violated by the public health departments during surveillance activities.
* How to address the data breach situation.

**Answer**:

1. Explain what you consider to be the ethical considerations inherent in sharing health informatics data.
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3. Explain how HIPAA applies to public health surveillance activities, both during normal times and during a public health emergency.
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