

# Technical Infrastructure Focus Area

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## **Status Update**

#### **Focus Area Discussion**

- Building a Secure Service
  - COVID-19 Research Database and AERDF
- Quantifying Privacy Risk
  - Urban Institute and Census Bureau
- Synthetic Data and Validation Servers
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- Research into PPTs (use case)
  - Georgetown, UN Workgroup, xD at Census Bureau



## **Findings**

#### **Focus Area Discussion**

- Need approaches to conduct linkages across different data types
  - PPRL as demonstrated by COVID-19 Research Database
  - Affordable and transparent process
- Need tools that guide decisions about which privacy preserving solutions are suitable
  - Privacy risk assessments; consideration of identity, attribute, and inferential disclosure risks
  - Avoid overkill solutions and ad hoc decisions/privacy parameter settings
- Need to move beyond current practices
  - Privacy-aware data synthesizers, anonymizers, and diagnostics
  - Cross-discipline work and knowledge sharing



## **Next Steps**

#### **Focus Area Discussion**

- Continued research for our Use Case
- Upcoming meetings
  - NCATS on the NIH National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C)
  - Social Science One



### **Full Committee Discussion**

#### **Discussion Questions**

- When can the Technical Infrastructure Subcommittee review Use Cases that other subcommittees are working on?
- Do other subcommittees want a short overview of Privacy Preserving Technologies?
- Where is the committee on FAIR issues?
  - Findable just the SAP? data inventories? More?
  - Accessible user interface, different way of doing research, tiered access, quick/cheap/free query results
  - Interoperable need to run complex statistical programs at scale, federal/state/local/private joins or validation
  - Reusable what does this mean? Tie to data storage discussion

