

## Compliance Today – June 2020 High-risk privacy monitoring

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A critical element of any effective compliance program is monitoring. As a service to our members, each month this column focuses on potential monitors for specific business lines.

This column entry was written in early March, and some of the information may be dated.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, human coronaviruses are common and usually cause mild to moderate upper-respiratory tract illnesses, such as the common cold. As cases of COVID-19 have spread worldwide, fear has grown among everyone, including healthcare workers. Some people are mistakenly comparing the COVID-19 pandemic to the influenza pandemic of 1918, which was responsible for millions of deaths worldwide, and others fear the asymptomatic carrier of the virus.

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