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## Legislation Text

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CITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**February 17, 2021**

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**I transmit herewith an ordinance concerning an amendment of Chapter 2-112 of the Municipal Code regarding epidemiological specimen collection and analysis. Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.**

**Very Truly Yours,**

**Allison Arwady, MD Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Public Health**

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## ORDINANCE

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 2-112-160 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

#### **2-112\*160 Commissioner - Additional powers and duties.**

The Commissioner of Public Health shall have the following powers and duties: (a) Public health related powers and duties:

*(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)*

(7) To request, collect, receive, and maintain confidential information, records, specimens, and data, including protected health information consistent with 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(b)(1)(i), for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease\* injury, or disability. The confidential information, records, specimens and data may support activities including, but not limited to, the reporting of disease, injury, or vital events such as birth or death; the conducting of public health surveillance, public health investigations, and public health interventions; the performance of epidemiological studies; and the application of data science methods or other analytic models that protect and promote public health. Any person required to provide such information, records, specimens and data to any local, state, or federal government agency shall, at the request of the Commissioner of Health, or as set out in rules promulgated in furtherance of this subsection, also provide it to the GWSago Department of Public Hoattn, except where prohibited by law. The Commissioner is authorized to contract with a person to act as a public health authority, as defined at 45 C.F.R. 164.501. which person may collect, receive, and maintain confidential information, records, specimens, and data, including protected health information consistent with 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(b)(1)(i), for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.