**Inherent Powers and the Coronavirus**

As we examined in Unit 1, inherent powers are any power of a government to enact legislation protecting health, safety, welfare, and morals of those within its jurisdiction. Federal, state, and local levels of government have had to enact various policies in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Research various news Web sites to assist you in answering the following questions.

1. How concerned are you about the spread of the virus based upon the government’s response? How worried are your friends, family and community?
2. What are three specific ways government authorities are working to control the movement of its citizens? Describe the role of workers and volunteers in carrying out this campaign.
3. How are prevention efforts being led by local governments? What are the potential dangers of having local authorities decide policies largely on their own?

1. How are government authorities combining enormous manpower with mobile technology to track people who may have been exposed to the virus? How might this impact Fourth Amendment rights?
2. How effective has the government strategy been in containing the outbreak?