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Course: Ethics and CS -- Fall 2022 -- csci77800

## ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

### THE SCENARIO:

First, pretend it is early in Ronatime, and you are in the position of deciding for your school whether to roll out a contact tracing program...

### YOUR BREAKOUT MISSION:

Compose a memo to students/staff/guardian population explaining your recent decree, taking one of these positions:

- Every student and teacher, and anyone else who enters your building, MUST install a contact tracing app

b/c...

and here is is/are suggested apps...

- Our school will NOT be using contact tracing apps.

b/c...

or: unless these requirements are met...

### DELIVERABLE:

- 1 page memo under `week02/contact-tracing.pdf`
- can be bullet pts, notes for now
- submit final version by next session.

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Dear school community members: students, guardians and staff,

We have made the very difficult decision to enforce a contact tracing program. All members of our school community will be required to install an application on their device that will keep track of, in the case of Covid-19 exposure, all close contacts. These contacts will automatically be informed of potential exposure if they have come into contact with someone who is confirmed to have contracted Covid-19. We understand how many may feel this may be a violation of their privacy rights, however, with the numbers of Covid deaths rising with this unprecedented pandemic, a strong response is called for to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. No members will be allowed on school premises without participation in the contract-tracing program.

Our school has developed our own in-house app. In the design of this app, we have taken into consideration the importance of securing personal health data. Only close contacts will be notified in the case of a positive test. Your health data will be encrypted and protected.

We are more than willing to engage in conversation and hear your concerns. We have decided that these measures are in the best interest and safety of our community members as a whole. We await the day that things may return to the “normal” we have known in the past, but today our job is to take measures to ensure that we continue to move forward in the days ahead.

In solidarity,  
The School Safety Team