

Springfield Elementary School  
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Dear Students, parents , teachers and staff of the Springfield Elementary family. Our communities' health and safety is always our first priority. Beginning September 21, as students begin to return to the classroom, we will be following the comprehensive school safety plan supported through the collaboration of medical experts, community and civic leaders, and the teachers union. The plan minimizes person-to-person contact and allows contact tracing of students and staff within the building.

At this time The college Academy will not be requiring tracing applications to be downloaded by students and staff members entering the building. By tracking a person's every movement and everyone they have come into contact with, the programs are intended to alert users to possible exposure from someone testing positive for the corona virus. While these applications theoretically offer a potentially useful tool for contact tracing, their effectiveness is based upon a number of factors such as the number of users with the applications, return time of testing results, and a person's willingness to share their results and their symptoms, movements and contacts. Under current conditions, we view that these factors call into question the applications effectiveness while raising a number of concerns concerning privacy and the financial burden requiring students entering the building to have a phone with wireless service.

As part of our continuing efforts to ensure our communities health, changes in the factors contributing to the effectiveness of tracing applications, along with any government and public health recommendations and policies will continue to be monitored and assessed.

Of course prevention is always our first course of action and we will continue to promote mask wearing, hand sanitation and social distancing both in and outside of the building. Your wellness is important to us and we welcome your ideas and contributions towards making our families as safe as we can.

Regards,  
S. Skinner  
| Principle