

Memo: Contact Tracing

Our school will NOT be using contact tracing apps. b/c...

- The process of contact tracing is ineffective. (i.e., It was easy to get around the process, based on various individual accounts/experience with one of these apps)
- Health screening is basically contact tracing, on a voluntary basis. Also, not all students have cell phones, or access to the app, so how would those students be treated? Would they be denied access?
- Contact tracing requires Bluetooth to be turned on, location services to be turned on which raises privacy concerns.
- Requiring contact tracing may discourage people from accessing healthcare because they don't want to be labeled (be a pariah), or in the case of Apps, be a literal red dot on a screen.
- Contact tracing can be especially concerning if a person is undocumented; as they may worry that this is a way for the government to target them for immigration reasons.
- Contact tracing could possibly trigger panic attacks especially with individuals that are struggle with mental health issues? (i.e., Logging into the app and seeing all the infected parties.)
- Maintaining the contact tracing policy/process may be problematic when considering capacity with personnel---who's really monitoring this?
- Contact tracing may have social emotional impacts...This additional responsibility may cause those deemed responsible to be overwhelmed with the extra workload.

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