

Memo re: Contact Tracing Apps

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff;

During this difficult time, safety and security is our top priority. Our school will work tirelessly to follow safety protocols with distancing, masking and cleaning. We will also engage in extensive contact tracing to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, using guidance from the county health department and following NYS laws.

While we are aware of many apps now available to assist in contact tracing and health data reporting, our district will not engage in or require their use. Though they are well intentioned and can help respond to rapidly changing health conditions, we must keep our school community's personal data secure, by following both COPPA and FERPA laws. We support families and individuals researching these apps and making personal decisions about whether or not they're right for them.

While at school, we will support the safety of everyone with painstaking attention to detail and an unfailing commitment to safety. We know this approach will demand a greater workload than using the ease of an app, but we also know this approach maintains our commitment not only to health but also to privacy.