

Dear North Salem High School Community,

We understand that these are still scary times. We are not yet out of the woods of this pandemic and many of you are reasonably worried about the spread of Covid-19 in our school. I understand these fears and do not take them lightly. Please know that our school is taking every measure we can keep our students and our community safe.

I want to address a rumor that has been going around our community. It has come to my attention that some believe that our school plans to implement a contact tracing program wherein every visitor to the school building is required to install a location-tracking app. I want to clarify that our school ***will not be taking any such measures***. There are several reasons why we have decided against requiring the use of a contact tracing app. Primarily, any location-tracking app of this sort would violate student privacy laws. As we know, these laws are already quite strict and prevent the use of all sorts of educational apps. Our main concern is your privacy and the issue of data storage, and the concerns of a data breach.

While we may not implement a contact tracing app, there are numerous other measures that our school will be taking to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We will require that all students follow our masking guidelines, upload proof of vaccination or be approved for a religious/medical exemption, eat outdoors when possible and stagger lunch times and locations when not feasible, and require daily testing.

We understand many of you may still have questions about our Covid-19 policies. If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to email our Covid-19 Response Team at covid19@northsalemhighschool.com.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep our community safe.

All the best,
David