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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...

Our school will NOT be using contact tracing apps. Here is the reasons we discussed:

- It's ineffective, because it was easy to get around the process, based on a personal experience with one of these apps

- Health screening (which every child must do) is basically contact tracing, on a voluntary basis, so it already happening, albeit on an honor system. In addition, in you test positive and alert the school (or get a PCR test anywhere), there is already a system in place to alert the people who were close contacts.

- Not all students have cell phones, reliable cell or internet access, or easy access to a proposed contact tracing app, so how would those students be treated? Would they be denied access?

- The app would require Bluetooth and location services to be turned on--easy to get around this, and people may wish to keep bluetooth and location services turned off for other reasons.

- It might discourage people from accessing healthcare because they don't want to be labeled, be a pariah, or in this case, be literally a red dot on a screen or something, especially if you are undocumented and worry that this might be a way for the government to target you for other reasons.

- Could it trigger panics? Logging into the app and seeing all this infection

- Who's really monitoring this? Personnel in charge might get overwhelmed by the responsibility…and who will want the extra work of monitoring? The social emotional impact to the person in charge of doing this job should be considered.

In conclusion, because a contact tracing app could be easily eluded, there is already a system in place, and the stress that such an app could cause to the person using it and monitoring it, our room decided against this method.