

# On-Campus Tracking and Exposure Notification System

# INTRODUCTION

## RATIONAL:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused universities across the country to transition to remote learning
- To ensure a safe transition to on campus learning, it is essential to develop a notification system that monitors the spread and streamlines the delivery of information regarding developing COVID-19 cases on college campuses
- There are **no known systems in operation** that automate personalized notification of potential exposures to COVID-19 within a campus community

Table 1. Comparison of Current Contact Tracing Methods and Frameworks Available

	Methods	Automation	Standalone Functionality	Benefits & Limitations
1	Traditional Contact Tracing	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies potential individual exposure</li><li>• Privacy maintained</li><li>• Labor Intensive and time consuming</li><li>• May fail to alert all potential contacts</li></ul>
2	Webpage Based Notification Systems	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exposure information publicly available</li><li>• Privacy maintained</li><li>• Requires manual updates</li><li>• Time consuming</li></ul>
3	Apple & Google Application Programming Interface (API) Exposure Notification System	✓	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Efficiently automates delivery of exposure information</li><li>• Provides accurate exposure</li><li>• Prioritizes privacy protections</li><li>• Quantifies relative exposure risk</li><li>• Does not function on its own</li></ul>

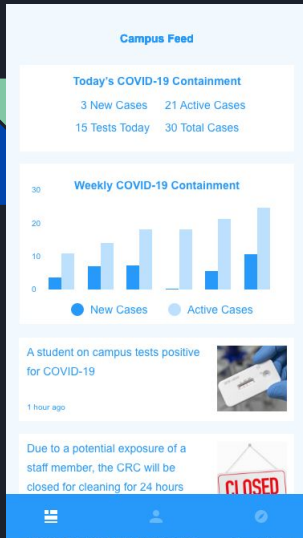


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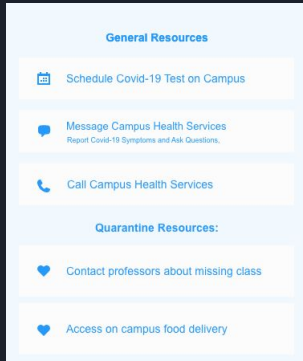
## PURPOSE:

- To create a novel contact tracing system that reduces the transmission of COVID-19 by integrating university health services with Apple & Google's API to:
  - **Optimize the delivery of information** regarding potential exposure to COVID-19 to students, faculty, and staff
  - **Quantify relative exposure risk** to individuals in a campus community
  - **Provide ease of access** to campus health services
  - Maintain a **balance of patient privacy** protection and **general welfare** of a campus community

# SOLUTION



Campus Feed within the app



Example Resources Page

- Our app would streamline the process giving University medical centers, administration, students, and faculty instructions on next steps if they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive
- Provide a central location for all COVID-19 related information and communication from a University to its students, faculty, and staff
  - Community / Campus Feed
    - School data relating to campus-wide COVID-19 news
    - New communications from the University regarding the pandemic
  - Personal Feed
    - Using Apple and Google's Exposure Notification API, the personal feed would notify you if you have been in close proximity with someone who has tested positive
    - Notify the user if anyone in organizations they follow has been exposed and/or tested positive for COVID-19
  - Campus Resources:
    - Schedule an on campus COVID-19 Test
    - Message or call campus healthcare personal with questions about symptoms, testing, and notifications
    - Quarantine based resources such as campus food delivery or online course transitions

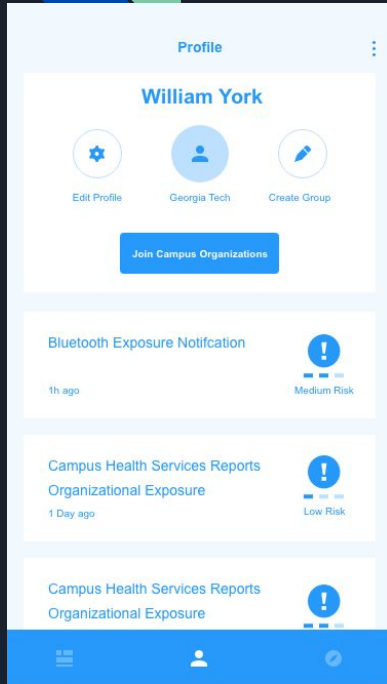
# IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

## Apple and Google Bluetooth Exposure Notifications API:

- Every 20 minutes, a phone's bluetooth key is changed to a new randomized number<sup>6</sup>
- Every 5 minutes, each user's phone detects the bluetooth keys of all of the phones in a close proximity<sup>6</sup>
- These collected keys are stored by the user's app for 2 weeks<sup>6</sup>
- If a tested individual consents to release of their bluetooth keys, each user's app will look for the released keys in their stored set, alerting the user if there is a match and evaluating relative risk based off of proximity of the phones when the key was detected and how long the phones detected each other's keys

## Organization Based Exposure Notifications:

- Organizational exposure notification will occur when the user is in a group or shares a schedule with another member who has just been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has consented to sharing their information with corresponding groups



Example Personal Feed  
within the app



# IMPACT

- Provides necessary precautions to allow for on-campus activities to resume
  - On-campus activities could otherwise lead to rampant, uncontrolled, and unmanageable spreading of COVID-19
  - Would offer more detailed and extensive coverage of students and staff than currently available
- Returning to in-person instruction offers:
  - Higher quality education
  - Monitors adherence to academic honesty and honor codes<sup>3</sup>
  - Extracurricular activities and outside resources that allow students to maximize their potential
  - Resumption of research
  - Return to normalcy
- Offers the ability to manage outbreaks for all of campus while maintaining privacy
  - Including students, professors, and other staff
  - Can also help protect the staff and students that are still on campuses
  - Only functions within constraints of user's consent and doesn't share any identifiable information



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