



# Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Resolution 20-21, 05* }

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RE-EVALUATION  
& POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF CURRENT CONTACT  
TRACING METHODS

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR **JJ TIE** OF THE SENIOR CLASS

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REFERRED TO THE SENATE BY THE **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SUSTAINABILITY** WHICH RECOMMENDS ITS **PASSAGE** BY A  
UNANIMOUS VOTE OF **5** TO **0**.

**Whereas** The Johns Hopkins University, in its FAQ section of COVID information web page, [promised](#) to require “comprehensive COVID safety measures on campus, including face

coverings, physical distancing, limits on gatherings, enhanced cleaning protocols and self-monitoring for symptoms;” and

**Whereas** due to a concerning cluster among Homewood undergraduate students (58 cases as of Feb 4, 2021), all in-person activities were suspended from February 4th to 11th, 2021 and [new restrictions](#) such as 5-person limit on undergraduate gatherings and mandatory 3x/week testing were instituted; and

**Whereas** Johns Hopkins University has actively searched for effective ways to deal with the public health crisis given that the recent COVID cluster was met with harsh consequences; and

**Whereas** increased contact tracing would lead to a meaningfully more [effective](#) response to COVID outbreaks, thereby reducing the number of exposures and, by extension, the risk of quarantine and isolation accommodations filling up; and

**Whereas** Johns Hopkins University officially recognizes the benefits of contact tracing and [encourages](#) the collaboration to solve the “ethical, legal, policy, and governance issues that must be addressed as digital contact tracing technologies are developed and implemented”, and

**Whereas** automatic contact tracing--possibly with private location sharing--would improve public health outcomes with [Georgia Tech implementing a contact tracing policy](#), schools like [Amherst](#) and [Brown](#) making significant progress towards implementing digital contact tracing, and [Harvard](#) facilitating meaningful conversation;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Johns Hopkins Student Government Association encourages President Ronald Daniels, Provost Sunil Kumar, and Vice Provost Kevin Shollenberger to:

- A. Reevaluate the use of current and potential contact tracing technologies; and,
- B. Provide campus-wide educational resources about what contact tracing does and doesn't do in term of privacy access, and provide educational resources on who contact tracing information gets shared with; and,
- C. Further list out and specify disciplinary actions on violation of COVID-related rules; and,

**Be It Further Resolved** that a meeting between appropriate administrators and SGA members is strongly encouraged to discuss the possibility of the university adopting anonymous location sharing strategies as part of its COVID safety measures, while fully utilizing existing resources like Prodensity.

**Be it further resolved** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to:

1. Vice Provost for Student Health and Well-Being, Kevin Schollenberger
2. Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Alanna Shannahan
3. Associate Vice Provost for Education, Janet Schreck
4. Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Health System, Dwight Raum
5. Dean of Student Life, Smita Ruzicka PhD
6. Associate Director for Leadership Development in the Student Leadership and Involvement Office, Carolyn J. Harris
7. Director of Student Leadership and Involvement, Calvin L. Smith Jr.

THE RESOLUTION HEREBY **PASSES** BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_ TO -\_ WITH \_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS.

UPON ADOPTION, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SENATE’S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATING THE RESOLUTION’S ADOPTION AS THE POSITION AND WILL OF THE SENATE AND THE STUDENT BODY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY..

Signatures of Enactment:

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Mehak Ali  
President of the Senate  
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Sam Mollin  
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Breanna Soldatelli  
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Addy Perlman

Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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JJ Tie

Senior Class Senator