West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2020-05

AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION FOR WVU SGA TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE NOVID APP

Short Title:	**SGA Support of the NOVID App**
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	Kevin Donnelly, Senator
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	Katie Eyler, College Senator (Eberly)
	Joshua Harman, Senator
	Sarah Ihlenfeld, Senator
	Lily McKnight, College Senator (Reed)
	Colton Nichols, Senator
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Whereas, According to the West Virginia University Mission Statement, "faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all'; and,

Whereas, As of September 7th, there have been 215 positive cases of COVID-19 reported on the Morgantown campus since the start of classes; and,

Whereas, As of September 7th, there is a total of 915 students in quarantine and 439 students in isolation; and,

Whereas, According to the CDC, it only takes 15 minutes of close exposure to be infected with COVID-19[1]; and,

Whereas, Asymptomatic transmission is when an individual has developed the virus but is showing no symptoms for COVID-19[2]; and,

Whereas, According to the WVU School of Public Health, "Contact tracing is the identification and follow-up of persons who may have come into contact with a person who has an illness"[3]; and,

[1] https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html
[2] https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html
[3] https://wvutoday.wvu.edu/stories/2020/05/13/credit-and-non-credit-options-now-available-for-online-course-on-covid-19-contact-tracing

Whereas, With undergraduate classes switching online until September 25th, it is likely that a majority of students will still be present in the Morgantown community; and,

Whereas, NOVID is a next-generation mobile application with Pre-Exposure Notifications which allow users to proactively make decisions based on their risk of infection[4]; and,

Whereas, NOVID uses ultrasound technology, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi technologies to trace other users that you are in close contact with; and,

Whereas, This technology avoids falsely recorded interactions with a 99.6% accuracy rate; and,

Whereas, NOVID informs users when they have been exposed to someone that has contracted COVID-19 as long as that individual uses the app and reports it; and,

Whereas, Users will also receive exposure notifications when an exposure is verified by a trustworthy health authority; and,

Whereas, The application will only be effective in stopping the virus so long as there is a widespread adoption of NOVID by students and faculty.

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The West Virginia University Student Government Association encourages the voluntary use of NOVID, a symptom-monitoring mobile app that allows users to proactively make decisions based on their risk of COVID-19 infection,

Section 2: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:
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[4] https://www.novid.org/#testing