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## COVID-19 Journal | Taylor Thicklin

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COVID-19 Journal Entry

March 30, 2020-April 28, 2020

Description: in my COVID-19 journal I talk about how the virus got started and the fact that since majority universities were extending their spring break or maybe not even coming back to school and how we had to move all in person classes online. I also talk about the struggle we as students had mentally, physically, and financially and how students' parents are effected by the virus mentally, physically, and financially. I also explain about different things that I did that week and I express how bored I was because nothing is currently open.

March 30, 2020-April 4, 2020

Dear diary, a week prior to this which was before we got out of school and before we got out before spring break it was this massive outbreak of the COVID-19 which means the coronavirus. We had our first confirmed case in Jacksonville, AL, and after this majority of schools including our was forced to move all in person classes online and practice social distancing.

About a week after we were forced to move all in person classes to online it was a struggle not only with moving everything online but figuring out a way we going bring all of our belongings back home, and whether we were going to get our money back from housing because we didn't finish the semester out on campus, all I'm saying is everything was mentally, physically, and financially stressful.

I remember us having until April 4<sup>th</sup> to move out completely to be eligible to at least get some money back and we technically aren't getting a "refund" its more like a credit to our student account I guess guaranteeing us a refund check for fall 2020.

April 5, 2020-April 11, 2020

Dear diary,

This week has been officially a week since I been home due to the coronavirus. I was not able to apply for any jobs because our state is on lock down and we have a curfew of 10 o'clock and all the nonessential stores are closed. Essential places include places like grocery stores, gas stations, doctor offices, etc.

Since then, the cases in Alabama has shot tremendously. Government is saying this pandemic could possibly last all the way to July and possibly August. I think this sucks because I was really looking forward to my sophomore year and a football season I hope things can possibly clear up before August or they at least find some type of cure or a way to tame the virus.

April 13, 2020-April 19, 2020

Dear diary,

It's getting hard staying in the house and not being able to go anywhere but look at the bright side I have lots of time on my hands to get my schoolwork done and sometimes I still procrastinate. Cases in Alabama has risen even higher than the last diary entry, but now the government is saying they might open everything back up around April 30<sup>th</sup>. To me this makes no sense especially with the way our cases shot up in the past few weeks, that virus is not dead and I don't plan on going outside anytime soon.

Oh yeah, I forgot to mention the government decide to give us a stimulus check of \$1,200. I have also seen a lot of people file for unemployment because they have "nonessential" jobs and they are not getting paid and they also are not able to take care of their families. This has not affected my family financially so to speak, and I am really grateful, but I have seen it affect other families, I think this is very sad, the pandemic, the nurses putting their life on the line because their first responders and just everything else.

April 20, 2020-April 26, 2020

Dear diary,

This week... same ole, same ole, nothing is still open, government still has us on lock down and we still have a curfew. The news is still saying cases are still continuously going up because it seems no one is practicing social distancing or better yet staying at home. Recently when I visited my dad at work, they took my temperature and made me sign this form basically saying that I have not been around anyone within the last few days that is been sick and etc.

Well, this week also just about wraps things up at school like schoolwork, exams, last papers, quizzes, etc. my grades currently are good, but I feel they could be better. Also, I hope whoever reads this in the future you all never have to experience a pandemic like this or worse.

April 27, 2020-April 28, 2020

Dear diary,

Today and tomorrow will be my last journal entry for the COVID-19 journal and really today I'm doing some work, checking some emails, finishing up my last test for psychology you know just trying to finish strong! Oh yeah I almost forgot to mention what the government said today, looks like a few retail stores should be opening April 28<sup>th</sup> and all retail stores April 30<sup>th</sup> I believe. Like I said cases went up and their opening stores back up is definitely not a good idea.

Like I said previously, I hope no one has to go through anything like this or worse in the future. Its not fun, were limited to the things we can do, people we can see, and everything else. So, for the future make sure you wash your hands, practice social distancing just because you don't want t be to close to people anyways.

Thanks for reading my COVID-19 journal, I hope you learned something and maybe even went back and did a little research yourself about it! Stay safe and practice social distancing!

