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COVID-19 Journal

March 30, 2020

Today will be seventeen days since I have left my college dorm to return home and continue living my life. It feels so weird to just leave my college friends and just return home due to a virus pandemic. Never in my life has everything around me been so dull and dead with people around me living in fear. Being that the government predicted this would be over by this exact date, it could be easily shown that it is nowhere from over. Jobs from all over are been shut down being that if they are nonessential.

The transition from the classroom environment to one hundred percent online work has been hitting me heavy but I must push through. Outside looks dead adding a gloomy effect as everyone around me is in panic and fear. Just today I went to the Dollar General around the corner from my house with a friend and when we arrived inside there were taped lines on the floor reminding people to keep six feet apart. A lady even yelled at a woman to not stand so close to her. It's just crazy to see different people reactions amidst this virus.

April 2, 2020

As I continue to live my life through staying at home and completing all my online work, it begins to feel like I'm a kid on house punishment. The city states that people must be inside before 8 pm. There's nowhere to go besides to grab groceries or fast food. They have even closed the local park located around the corner from my house. To keep in shape and stay healthy I run for an hour in my backyard. I even woke up to the news reporting more and more cases of people getting the virus, it seems as if this will never be over.

Never in my life have I seen so many people outside running in the neighborhood, it's like is there another purpose behind this.

Another thing that I have begun noticing today is that more and more people are beginning to make Tik Tok videos to beat the boredom at home. From celebrities and sports stars being forced to stay at home I've never seen something taken so seriously. My friends and I have even thought about making a YouTube channel being that we could make videos at home and get paid. Though the virus has been very detrimental to the world around us, I've been using this time to clear my mind and save money. This is probably the best time to save money and work on a craft is what everyone keeps saying.

April 10, 2020

With days continuing to pass as more and more reported cases of the coronavirus grow it's like this won't be over until who knows when. The news has even stated the bill was passed for the government to send out stimulus packages for following citizens. Just this alone tells me that the government is knowing how long this could be around. They have even stated releasing a second round of stimulus packages meaning that this won't be over no time soon.

One of my friends today even told me that all the reported deaths are not necessarily caused from the coronavirus. It's like what do you believe anymore. At first it was stated that fifteen days after March 30 the stay at home lockdown will be over, but now there saying May 15. It's like they just keep adding days on from when this originally started.

April 19, 2020

Today begins with the raining pouring down adding a gloomy effect to the already dark days were experiencing now. With finals starting to begin and the semester coming to an end, I have no other choice but to start my search for another job. Being that the only jobs hiring are essential jobs such as factories and groceries stores there aren't many options. I apply for FedEx and Amazon though everybody in my city is applying there too.

I go to hang out with two of my friends and we jokily say to each other have we washed our hands before we dab each other up. It's like the coronavirus as changed how we look at things and the way we react to the world around. I carry two hand sanitizers with me everywhere I go and whenever I leave the house my mother reminds me to carry a mask and gloves. I just don't know if I can get used to this lifestyle.

April 27, 2020

With the month of April coming to an end the local news stations beings to release statements saying that the stay at home lockdown order is over. Maybe there is hope for this to soon be over. Soon as I click on the app Facebook, I see people saying that this is false, and that the lockdown is still going on.

When I went to run errands today, I still see signs in stores reminding me people that the coronavirus is still around. I even got accepted for both jobs offers at FedEx and Amazon, being that this will be my first time back at work from before all this happens it just feels so weird. Me and friends have made plans to travel this summer with the news of this being over soon. We can

all admit that we are tired of sitting at home and having a curfew enforced to us by the city. But who knows I could wake up tomorrow and they say that an extra 15 days be added. For now, I will continue doing what I've been doing and stay clean and healthy.

The things I discussed in the journal were what I experienced from March 30 through April 27, 2020. From me completing my online work and hanging out with a few friends to me running errands amidst this virus. I am currently a sophomore majoring in Business Management and I hope to obtain my bachelor's degree. I also discussed different people's reactions to the virus and how people have been coping with it.