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My covid experience was not all that bad if you ignore the fear that it caused. When it all first started I remembered not thinking it would even reach America, it was just a virus that was in other countries until the cases began to build up here as well. It did not seem like the end of the world until people started to die and then it was like "wait what is happening" I remember being anxious because no one had any idea about this virus aside from the fact that a bat caused it. It was not until masks became mandatory for everyone and everything began to shut down was it that I started to realize the severity of this pandemic and do some research myself. After searching and educating myself I remember every medical professional saying to simply follow the guidelines and not to panic. So I did just that, I kept myself aware, alert but never in a state of panic.

So because of Covid I did lose my job at Dunkin Donuts, which was honestly fine because I hated it. Then I started a nanny job for these two amazing doctors who needed me to watch their 8 month old. I did this job up until the end of summer and it was the best job that I had ever gotten, it was a strange experience to actually wake up excited to go to work. I grew very close to this family and they were very kind to me and always showed compassion. Plus I might be bias but the baby I watched has to be the cutest baby out there. Sadly while watching them I got a call from my mom that she got Covid and my sister was feeling ill. Now I was not sick but I did have a dry cough that morning that seemed not serious at all... it was serious.

Thus began my Covid quarantine experience which was not fun at all. Now hear me out, I would not say I am an introvert but I would definitely say I am not an extrovert so I thought I would thrive in self isolation, I thought wrong. Well I guess I can start by sharing my symptoms which were different each day, first was the cough, then a very painful sore throat that lasted three days. Then the next day was a fever, a migraine, and some hives which was also very painful. The only steady symptoms which were the worst by far was the lack of taste and the nausea which made it impossible to eat, so I did not eat. These two last the entire 10 days and were the reason I lost about 8 pounds. Obviously they were worse at night but I did have so much time in the day to do things but for some reason all I wanted to do was sleep which got so boring. After the first week I was sick of it, I was starting to feel better, just no taste and very weak but I just wanted to leave the house and not binge watch TV shows. Surprisingly enough I was very excited about catching up on movies and everything but when you actually have time to do this, it makes you not want to do it. Thankfully I did only have to quarantine for the 14 days and not an entire month because I honestly would have lost it.

Safe to say Covid is very much real and I would say I did not get it as bad as others did, like my friends did have trouble breathing and my mom was unable to even leave her bed. We all did get sick during Phase I of reopening which was so frustrating because I just wanted to sit outside and eat as silly as that sounds. Eventually we got better and we were able to do that with precaution because we now knew it would be no fun to get it again.

Now I did not think distant-learning was awful when we first had to do it because we were all figuring it out and trying our very best. While I cannot say I learned much it was very helpful to

my gpa when my teachers made everything open book. This distant learning right now was a bit more challenging to get the hang of but better to be safe than have an entire college full of students with Covid. I go to most places since we are for the most part open in Rhode Island but I do take precautions and do not think I will be traveling anytime soon. This was my experience with Covid and honestly even though 2020 was a crazy year and feels interesting to be a part of something that will be in history books and be significant in history.