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Life During the COVID Pandemic

Insane, confused, depressed, alone, and most of all scared. These are the words that describe my life during the Coronavirus pandemic. There is so many obstacles that have happen to my family during this continuous time period, and many families across this globe. First lets' start from the very beginning. This disease first started in China. People say it is from someone consuming a bat, others think it comes from various animals, and some think it is man-made. However, all I know is that it might have changed our lives forever... When I first heard about this crazy virus, I thought, "there is no way it will come here." I was wrong... it was floating around our very own Longwood campus, which is terrifying. One of our fellow classmates tested positive for the virus and it was all downhill from there for our Longwood and Farmville community. After the email we received about an individual testing positive, many people were on edge, using proper hygiene, no hugging, or handshakes. This is where things started changing for the worse. Us, students, got an email around 10:00 PM on March 11th that Longwood students needed to return home for a couple of days to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus, and we have not returned since.

This virus is crazy to think about, and some people think that it cannot affect you, but it can. While I was returning home, I got a phone call from my mother. That phone call stated that my 76 year old grandmother had pneumonia. Which scared the heck out of me because of this virus going around. However, she has healed and is much better. Another member of my family and friends is my mom's best friend's husband, Kevin, was tested positive for COVID-19. Kevin is a firefighter in Newport News, Virginia, and he received the virus from a patient that was positive as well. This virus can happen to anyone...

Coronavirus has affected my family in their work field as well. My mother for example. She is a hairdresser who just opened her brand new open salon. We have bought brand new equipment, paint, furniture, etc. We have gotten everything painted, set up, and ready to roll and then the Coronavirus came along and the Governor of Virginia has shut everything down including small businesses. So, my mother has not been to work in over a month and cannot open her brand new salon. This has affected my sister as well. My sister's name is Kayla and she is a Registered Nurse (RN) at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia. She has to go to work every day, wear a N-95 mask, googles, and a shield over her face just to protect herself. After work, she has to go home, take her shoes off at her front doorstep, take a shower, and then come pick up my nephew. She is putting her life in danger and her family as well. We need to appreciate our first responders for all that they do for us. Finally, this has affected me. I was supposed to finish out my junior year and enjoy the start of my senior year in college and that was taken away from me. I am in a relationship and I haven't been able to see him in over a month, and that has taken a toll on our relationship. I am also supposed to resume my summer job at a daycare in my area, and I am not sure that I will be continuing that. This virus has changed so much already in a short amount of time.

I am going to be honest; I am scared to death. I might not seem or act like it, but I am. This is basically taken over our whole world basically, and that is terrifying. I am scared for myself, my family, my friends, my community, the youth, and elderly. Nobody's life should be taken from a disease that has taken control over the world like the Coronavirus has. Love your loved ones and stay safe.