

Journal - Living my Life in Covid

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When covid became a big deal I saw my life beginning to change it first started with me at work having to spend more time cleaning the tables we usually just spray and wipe away the circles from the glasses that form on the tables, but then I came into work one day in March and I had to talk to one of the managers. The manager explained to me that we have to follow a new clean procedure from headquarters. The procedure was printed on a piece of paper. This paper had a boolean table on it that shows you what cleaning agent that you should use for every type of surface and the required amount of time that you should wait before you wipe. We had to carry a rag/bar mop soaked in a cleaning solution, a sanitizing spray that had to sit for 30 seconds, a degreaser, glass cleaner, and a microfiber cloth. Before I just took the soaked bar mop and the glass cleaner and microfiber cloth. I would usually be back to my dorm by 2am, but after the new cleaning rules, I would get back at around 3am, which meant that the RAM TRAM would not be running by the time I get back, so I park at a store across from the university instead of the union street lot. This allowed me to get more sleep and when vacaton started I had to go to work and get back home around 330 or 4. I did have an early shift on Fridays though. Then they closed my job and other than when I was doing school work I found myself to be bored. But sadly I can not do what I usually do when I am at home like go skating with my friends. I even tried to go skate at a skatepark near my house but the gate was closed. So the only thing I can do now for fun is play online video games or go for a walk outside. An average day for me is waking up in the morning and joining my class video call or helping my dad fix something in the house. After those things are done I do some homework and play video games and call my friends. The only time I go outside is to buy stuff or when I go to a park to walk or skate. Things are pretty normal with the people I live with, since everyone is stuck at home we

try to do more activities together like watching a movie together in the living room or dancing to a zumba instructor on YouTube. I communicate with my family that doesn't live with me through the app FaceBook messenger. On there we usually just text or have a voice call. When it comes to my friends we talk through an app called discord as it allows us to have big video calls and watch movies together with really good quality. For normal one on one stuff with my friends we usually use snapchat to text or send photos. There is nothing going on with my family at the moment. Since everyone has been cooped up in their house nothing has really been going on. We mainly have discussions on what to do or have a video call with other family members when it is their birthday. We also go to the park sometimes, we went to the park on Mother's Day and ordered food to eat at the house.

Before the pandemic I lived in a dorm at FSU. I had a double to myself and I felt like I had a lot of space. I had one desk for studying and the other for entertainment. This helped me focus more since my games would be on the other side of the room and my school materials would be with me on the other side. Right now I am trying to get used to having distractions all around me again, oddly enough it seems that I work better in my room than in the dining room. I think it is because if my parents are in the kitchen or outside doing something they will ask me to help or the tv in the living room is too loud. When I am in my room I have my tv play some chill hop to help me focus on my work. I also do my work sitting in bed so I can not play any video games on my laptop as the ones I play require a mouse and using a mouse on a bed is not pleasant while playing video games.

While I was living in my dorm at FSU, I stayed over at my house when I hung out with my friends from highschool or my brothers, I mainly did this on the weekends. Sadly it seems now with covid I am able to see my friends less than when I was in college. As of now I can't

hangout with my friends from college nor highschool. I think that Governor Baker is trying to approach covid safely but faces the challenge of other states already opening and the economy possibly failing. I think Pelosi is trying to make sure that people can afford to live during the shutdown and that Trump is trying to save the economy. I think that they are all trying to help the country their own way. If I were to have five hopes they would be that the economy does not crash due to covid as it will make the country go even further into debt and make jobs harder to come by. I also hope that after this pandemic we will be able to iron out all of the healthcare issues that we have in our system. So if there is another pandemic we can handle it better. My third hope would be that the sudden halt of travel will improve the climate change on Earth. The fourth thing I hope for is that not a lot of people die from covid. My last hope is that countries especially China work to improve their health codes for a pandemic like this does not happen again.

The fear that I have right now is that we will not be able to go back to normal even if the country opens back up and that we will have another great depression. As this will ruin more lives than covid. The last fear that I have is that this will be a yearly virus and that it will take a while to make vaccines for it. As it will increase the death toll and make life going back to normal harder then ever. Hopefully there will be better tests for it available too.

My personal relationships are mainly the same. It is just that I maintain minimum contact with them and wear a mask when we talk outside, mainly in our cars. It goes well when we talk and we mainly just drive around or skate. We communicate mainly through our phones or from cars outside of each other's house if we are in the area buying something. When I first heard of the virus I mainly just brushed it off a bit as I thought that it would spread so quickly and that the country would close quicker. When I heard of it I believe it was not even considered as a new

virus. I didn't really take any real precautions other than trying to avoid touching things that I do not have to and wiping everything down. I also do not feel guilty for not doing any extra precautions.

For entertainment right now I have been watching Anime (Japanese Animation) and YouTube videos. I get most of my news from articles and Youtube at the moment and try to mix my sources around. From vloggers that used to live in China to the big new networks. I also use Discord on my computer when working in order to not have to use my phone and if I am on the go I use snapchat or discord on my phone in order to talk to my friends.

Overall my life has been changed by covid as my routines have changed a bit and living space. But I feel like my life has not changed as much as others. Especially after learning that living in Columbia is bad enough for Venezuelians that they are walking back to their country, as Columbia can not take care of them during the pandemic. I consider myself lucky right now and I am trying to make sure that my life does not have anymore negative changes. Even Though I can see my friends the same as before I know that it is for our safety and I am ok with that as long as the people I care about and me survive. These inconveniences are nothing to me, as this should be temporary.