

## **Transcript of Interview with Anonymous Northeastern Student by Belle Mandjes**

**Interviewee:** Anonymous Northeastern University Student (ANS)

**Interviewer:** Belle Mandjes

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**Abstract:** This an interview conducted by Belle Mandjes which asks an Anonymous Northeastern student their thoughts about college and quarantine. The student interviewee comments on Northeastern University practices that include testing and contact tracing. They also speak about what it's like to be a college student, including the difficulties of quarantining teenagers and college-aged people.

**ANS 0:01**

So I've definitely expressed to my friends that I wasn't okay with doing certain things, or that I couldn't come to things hanging out inside and stuff like that, even though they definitely, there was a little bit of pushback, because you know, I think, because we are teenagers and we tend to be a little impulsive and just want to have fun and stuff. So it was really hard just saying, like, "No, I can't come tonight, this isn't safe." But I feel like I never tried to stop them because I felt like it was pointless, you know? They're just gonna keep doing what they want to do.

**Belle Mandjes 0:30**

How do you feel about being at college during the pandemic?

**ANS 0:34**

I actually feel like Northeastern has taken a lot of precautions that other universities just like simply can't, you know? Northeastern has a lot of resources, and they put a lot of time and money into testing and contact tracing. So I think, even though it's not perfect, and obviously there are still COVID cases and possibilities for students to create COVID clusters at colleges, as they've been doing, I think we're as safe as we can be here.

**Belle Mandjes 1:02**

Well, thank you so much for speaking with me.

**ANS 1:06**

No problem. You're welcome.