

How would you describe the start of this school year so far? How is it similar to last year? How is it different from last year? What has changed between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

My name is Ella McMullen, I live in Nampa Idaho. I go to Lone Star middle school. When Covid-19 started I was 11 years old, Covid has affected millions of people. My family is one of them. When my mom and dad got covid my brother, sister, and I all went to live with my grandparents. We lived with my grandparents for about 3 weeks. While we were living with my grandparents, my mom got the bad side of Covid. She ended up having to go to the hospital, she had to go because of her breathing. She had to have around 14 liters of air while she was in the hospital. Thankfully, she was only there for about a week. When she got out, she had to still be on air. So, it was difficult when we had to go out because we had to make sure we had the air tank full, and we had an extra one with us just in case. My mother was on air for about 6 months. After my mom got better, she was really stressed. My dad was still sick, but he thankfully did not go to the hospital. My dad was only sick for about 2 weeks. He got the safer side of covid. That is how covid affected my life.