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Historical Archive Assignment: The Long Spring Break

In my junior year of high school I remember specifically watching tiktoks in my history class. This was early March of 2020 and it was very close to my birthday. I kept seeing tiktoks where people were making jokes about something called the “coronavirus” and I just brushed it aside because I had never heard of this virus before. A couple days later my school went on spring break and had sent out an email saying to be cautious of this virus that is starting in America from China. None of us really cared that much because it just didn’t seem like a real thing we should be worried about. I had started seeing on the news on twitter about cases rising like wildfire and the government was talking about shutting down everything. Now, to a junior in high school who got average grades and didn’t like school in general, you can imagine the excitement of reading an email from your school saying that spring break was getting extended. Knowing what this virus did, its almost incredible how little we cared before we knew what it was. The fact that none of us batted an eye to there being a mysterious disease starting to spread around the world and that nobody really knew what it was or how it behaved was just something we ignored as a generation.