

Kaitlin Whalen**03/24/2020**

My neighborhood is a typically quiet one but during this quarantine it has been almost eerily quiet. No one has been leaving for work or anything else it seems. My brother and I have been doing school from home, and my mom is home with us, my dad has still been going to work, but not as much as usual. I am extremely thankful that everyone in my household is in good health and we have enough food and supplies for the time being. For the most part all of my days have looked the same. I go to my online classes, work on homework, and watch Hulu or read in my free time.

03/25/2020

Today, Governor Baker announced that all schools in Massachusetts will remain closed through the end of April. I am very happy that I am not in high school anymore. I cannot imagine how devastated this year's seniors are. This affects my younger brother as he is still in high school and has begun doing classwork online. Online school has been very difficult for me and keeping up with work has been hard, and I have found it nearly impossible to find motivation to actually complete school work from my house. At school I had much more structure and a library to go to when I needed to get out of my dorm and find more motivation to do homework and study.

03/26/2020

Today it was revealed that the United States had the most Coronavirus cases of any country in the world. This is scary, especially considered the fact that China has three times the amount of people as the United States and it is where the disease originated, but the United

States has still managed to surpass them. Each day the number of cases in both Massachusetts and the United states are rising rapidly.

03/27/2020

Earlier today Charlie Baker announced that any travelers arriving in Massachusetts would have to undergo a fourteen day quarantine. I think that this is a rational and necessary precaution. Anyone who is coming in from outside of the state should be subject to mandatory quarantine to reduce the possibility that residents of our state contract the coronavirus. I do not have class on Friday so I spent today catching up on school work and trying to get ahead in some of my classes.

03/28/2020

The weekends have definitely been one of the hardest parts of quarantine. It's hard to find any structure from Friday to Sunday because I don't have class or anywhere to go. I spent today, like most days, working on school work and watching TV with my mom.

I've been spending much more time on social media lately, which is not the greatest but it's easily accessible and there is not much to do these days. I've been seeing a lot of content related to COVID-19 and quarantine on social media, especially Twitter. This week I've decided to include a tweet or another graphic each day.



Norbert Elekes
@NorbertElekes



Coronavirus cases, March 28:

- U.S. reached 120,000
- Italy reached 90,000
- Spain reached 70,000

More than 40% of worldwide cases.

6:32 PM · 3/28/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

388 Retweets **512** Likes



03/29/2020

Much like yesterday, today was also a pretty uneventful day for me. I worked on some homework, lounged around and pretty much just watched tv for the majority of the day. Everyday it gets more tiring and boring having to do everything from your house. I miss being able to see my friends whenever I want and having a library and other places to go to do my homework and actually focus. A space to actually focus is hard to come by in my house. There is rarely any silence or calm here.

I came across a tweet today with pictures of the field hospitals that they are setting up in Central Park in New York City. It's sad that in 2020 we do not have enough hospitals or medical supplies to keep up with this crisis.



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USA: in Central Park NYC - they're building field hospitals for coronavirus patients • 📷 Carolyn Ryan • March 29 2020



03/30/2020

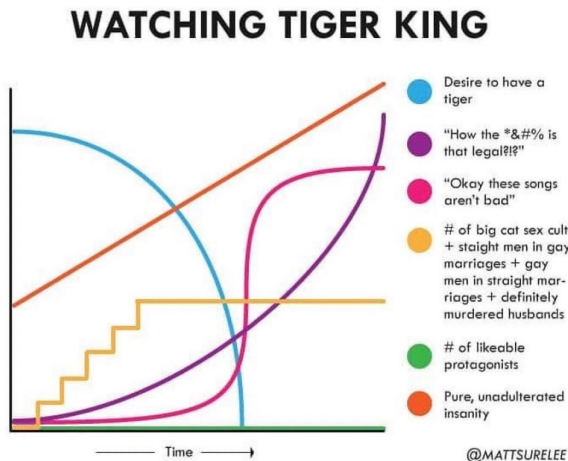
Today went practically the same as all other days in quarantine. I woke up (much later than would have been preferable), just kind of lounged around, and then had class from 3:05-4:20. Going to class is the only thing giving me any sort of structure in my life right now.

The world is full of negative news during this time so I found something positive. Today it was announced that five thousand people in the United States have made a full recovery from COVID-19. Despite that being relatively low in comparison to people who are being diagnosed, it's nice to have a little glimmer of hope in this time of darkness.



03/31/2020

Wow, today certainly was a true lazy day. I only have one class on Tuesday's, from 9:25-10:40, so I have most of my day free. Today my mom and I finally gave into the hype and binge watched all of the Tiger King series on Netflix. It was interesting to say the least, definitely something to help keep your mind off of things during this time of uncertainty and chaos.



04/01/2020

Today is April first, April Fool's day. Despite the day being called this, it is hard to find anything funny or to crack a joke right now. Today's Wednesday, which despite being my busiest day is still not all that eventful. I have two classes that meet through zoom on Wednesdays, so I have class from 1:40-4:20. After class, I had dinner with my family and then worked on homework before watching some TV before bed. I think I have watched more TV while being in this quarantine than I did during all of freshman year.

I thought it would be appropriate to include a funny tweet today in honor of April Fool's day. It must be even more confusing and frustrating for young children who cannot grasp what the situation is at the moment.

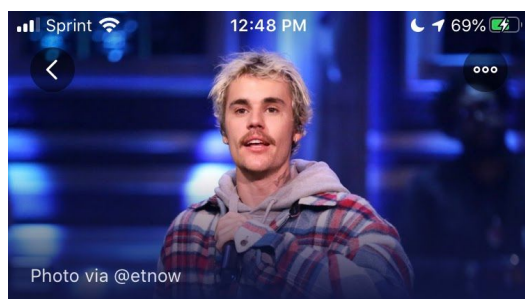


04/02/2020

Today was probably the most depressing, low day I have had while being stuck in quarantine. One of my closest friends and I's birthdays are both this weekend, but due to the

given situation it was postponed. We bought tickets back in November and it is something that we have both been looking forward to for months now. Today was also the first day since moving out of my dorm room that I have gone anywhere. My mother and I went to Dunkin Donuts to get coffee (drive thru of course). It is eerily quiet out. I do not live in an overly busy city, but it is usually pretty lively, and there are always people out walking with children and dogs this time of year. Lately, I haven't seen any of that.

Justin Bieber also announced that his world tour has been postponed. This is just one of many large events that has been either cancelled or postponed because of coronavirus. So many events that should be happy and exciting are being cancelled, which is upsetting for many people. Concerts, weddings, funerals, parties, graduations, amongst other things, are being cancelled for the foreseeable future.



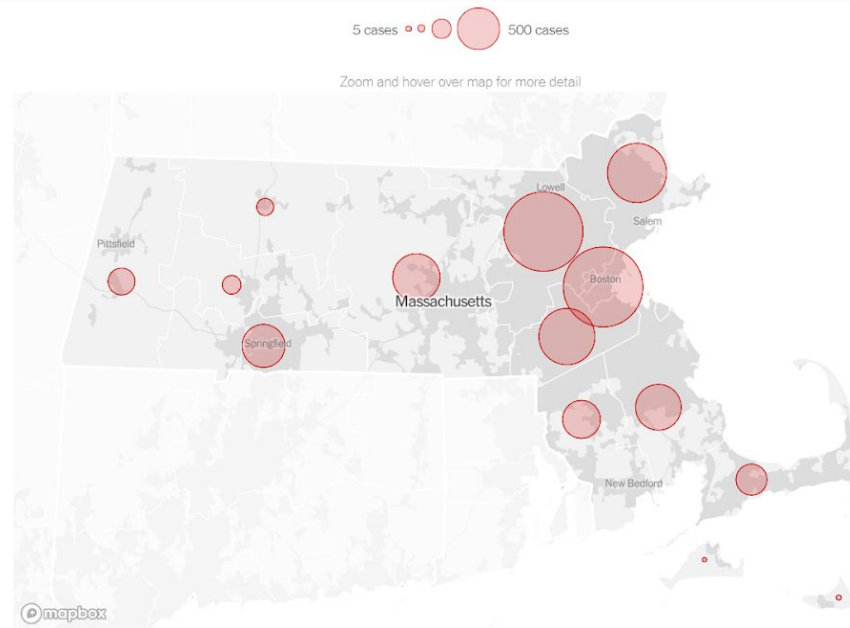
Celebrity · 1 hour ago

Justin Bieber postpones summer tour due to the coronavirus pandemic

Bieber's team announced that his 45-date Changes 2020 stadium and arena tour will be postponed due to coronavirus concerns.

04/03/2020

Back to the laziness and unscheduled mess of the weekends during quarantine. Much like every other weekend day, I slept in late, worked on some homework and then watched Netflix

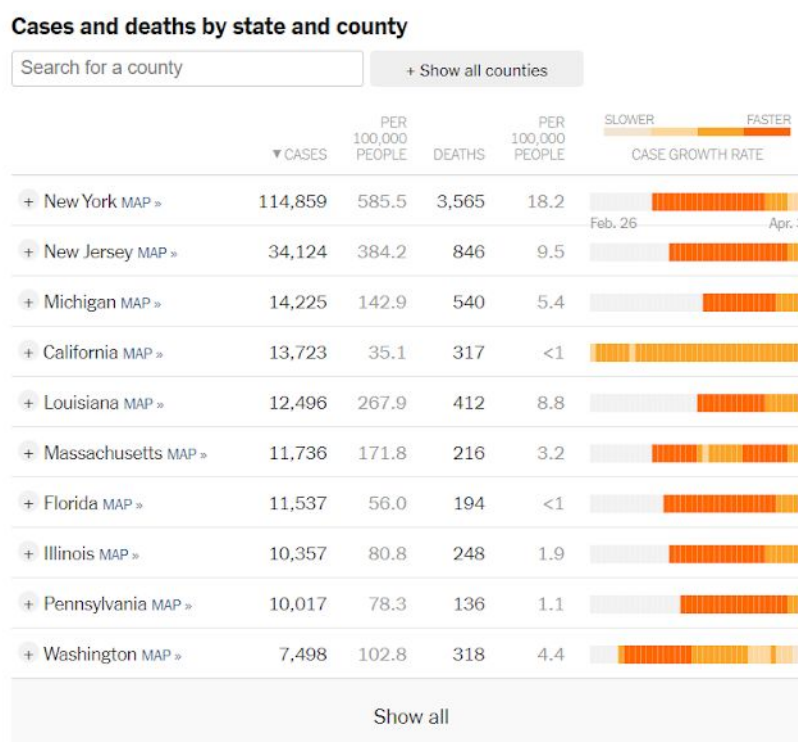


04/04/2020

Today, I turned 19 (kinda ironic considering we're in quarantine for COVID-19). It was by far one of my weirdest birthdays. No where is open and since we are not allowed to be in groups of people it was a very lonely and quiet birthday. We made a cake and dinner at home and I just had dinner with my parents. It was especially sad because I had plans with my friends to go out for dinner in Boston, but then quarantine sent us home and shut everything down. It's hard to find positivity these days, but I'm trying to find positivity and gratitude in at least something small every day. Today I am thankful to be able to live another year and that my family and I are all still in good health.

I have also been trying to keep up with the current events and updates with this whole situation, but it can get depressing, especially seeing the number of cases and deaths going up each day. Tonight we watched Donald Trump speak on tv, like he has been doing most of these days. I might be biased, but I hate watching him speak. Something about him just comes off as unprofessional and not empathetic. In my opinion, he has been coming off as a bit rude lately,

especially during tonight's broadcast. I have included this chart from the New York times today, with the total number of cases by state. As of today, April 4th, Massachusetts is sixth highest with the total number of cases of coronavirus. Honestly it's a little scary to think about but my family has been doing our best to avoid the public and my parents have only been going out when completely necessary to buy food.



04/05/2020

So, today is yet another Sunday in quarantine. Prior to quarantine I would use Sundays as a day to relax and get ready for the coming week, but now, being in quarantine, everyday feels like a lazy day and Sunday does not feel much different. All of the days lately have been getting blurred together and honestly time feels a bit fake these days. I was feeling a bit anxious and off over the past week so I decided to use today as a day to clean and get ready to attempt and have a more productive week. I folded my laundry, cleaned my whole room, organized my dressers, and

made a to-do list for the week. One thing that I have found helpful has been making lists, either for the whole week or daily so I can visualize what I have due and the time I have to devote to each item. Even though it seems silly at times, the action of physically crossing something off of a to-do list makes me feel a little better and gives me an incentive to keep doing and finish the rest of the list.

Another thing that I have been doing to take my mind off of things is reading and writing. I recently started keeping a physical journal and I have found that it is a good way to ground myself and get myself away from using so much technology. Technology is the easiest thing to access right now so I have also been trying to use that in more productive ways, such as watching documentaries or reading articles from the New York Times. I also started reading *Little Women* today. I always loved to read, but I have found it hard to find time to read for pleasure since around sophomore year of high school. I have also been using makeup and doing my nails as a creative outlet to try and express myself. During a time where everything seems dull and colorless it is nice to have a way to bring color and art into your life. All of these things are helping me to find at least a little structure while being stuck in the same house with the same three people day after day, week after week.

April 3, 2020

How to Get Books When Bookstores and Libraries Are Closed

Even for people who have lost jobs or income during the coronavirus epidemic, there are books and reading material available online for free.

By CONCEPCIÓN DE LEÓN



04/06/2020

One thing that I have found particularly interesting during this time is how my town is dealing with the coronavirus. As of three days ago, we had around 120 cases, however the numbers have not been updated since then. I feel as though considering the times that we are living in, three days is a while to go without having an updated number of cases. The number of cases in our city, in my opinion, has most definitely risen considering the fact that the number of cases in both Massachusetts and the United States is continuing to rise daily. Our local hospital, Morton Hospital, recently announced that the ICU was going to be dedicated to only taking care of coronavirus cases. Yesterday, it was announced that the whole hospital would become a coronavirus hospital, this has evoked some anger within our community. Our senator, Senator Pacheco, has publicly stated that he does not like this idea. I believe that every community should do what they can to help the situation so it subsides as fast as possible, even if that means some people or communities may have to sacrifice for the greater good. Suffolk also announced today that the summer classes would now be taking place online. It's sad to think that there is even a slight possibility that we may not be able to come back to campus in the fall. I really hope that this clears up by then because I miss living in Boston with my friends.

Today was another pretty boring day. I woke up and made some coffee and breakfast. One thing that I have definitely enjoyed about being home is being able to make breakfast for myself every morning. After that I caught up on some reading for class, and had class from 3:05-4:20. Then we had dinner and just relaxed for the rest of the evening. Going to class is one of the few things that actually builds structure into my days, so I have come to actually look forward to going, although I would much rather physically be in class.



Morton Hospital ICU in Taunton will only treat coronavirus patients, other ICU patients to be transferred

Steward Health Care System has designated Morton Hospital in Taunton as a regional coronavirus ICU that will treat patients from other hospitals, according to a memo sent Friday to all Morton staff members. As part of the plan, coronavirus ICU patients from Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton and Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, both also owned b...

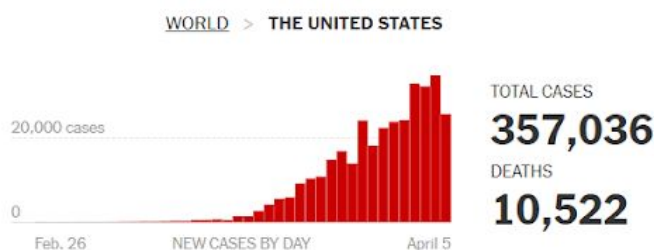
Updated Apr 4 at 4:06 PM



Taunton Sen. Pacheco 'outraged' at plan to convert Morton to coronavirus hospital for all but emergency triage

TAUNTON — It is not just Morton Hospital's ICU that will be dedicated exclusively to coronavirus patients. The entire hospital will be devoted to coronavirus treatment except for emergency triage of non-coronavirus patients, who will then be transferred to another hospital if they need admission, Steward Health Care, Morton's parent company, announced Saturda...

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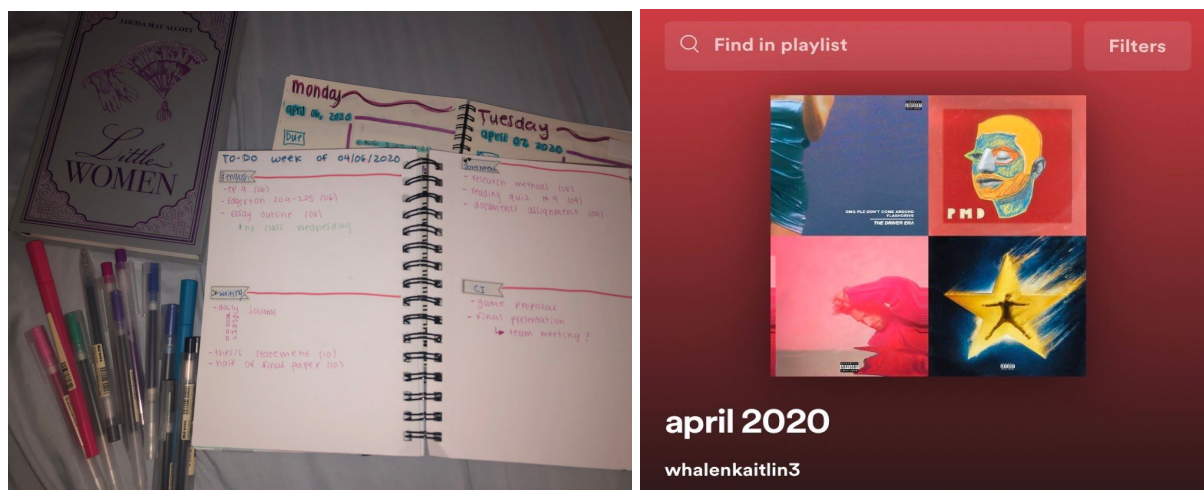


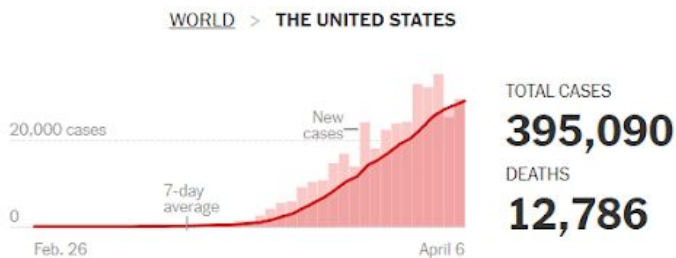
04/07/2020

Yet another boring Tuesday in quarantine has come and gone. I went to my government class this morning from 9:25-10:40, made some breakfast, got ready and pretty much just lounged around and watched Netflix for the rest of the day. I did my makeup today as a way to channel some of my creative energy. After that we had dinner and then I worked on school work for the rest of the night. I made a new Spotify playlist for April also today. Since junior year of high school I have been making monthly playlists (or at least trying to make them monthly). I like to listen to music as a way to escape from the news and sadness of today's world. I then also completed my to-do list and planner for this week. I am trying to be more productive with my school work this week, mostly trying to procrastinate less. I have found that physically writing everything down and seeing what I have to do day by day helps me find motivation to get my

work completed. Motivation and procrastination are definitely the two things that I have been struggling with most these days. It was much easier while still on campus to get work done because if I was ever distracted and finding myself unable to work I could go to the library for a quiet place, but sadly, I do not have that option being at home. I do not have my own desk at home so it's hard getting work done because I do not have a single dedicated space to do work. I have been finding ways to work around that and finding spaces and time that work best for me, but it has definitely been a learning process. I honestly don't know how I managed to be productive and get work done from my home while in high school.

In other news, coronavirus cases are still growing, along with coronavirus related deaths, which is very sad. Both New York and New Jersey reported their highest number of deaths in a single day today. When this whole thing first started, it seemed all to be exaggerated, but now it is definitely something to be concerned over. There was a story tonight on the news about a twenty seven year old woman who died of coronavirus after working as a cashier in a grocery store. Cases like that are absolutely heartbreaking because seeing young deaths makes everything seem so much scarier.



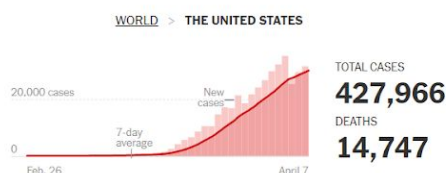


04/08/2020

I don't know what it is but I've felt off all day today. I slept through all of my alarms and somehow ended up sleeping in until 12:30, and yet somehow was still so tired that I took a nap after dinner. Being stuck at home is really starting to get to me. I miss being able to have face to face interaction with people other than my parents and younger brother. Being able to call and facetime people is definitely a help, but it is far from the same as being able to hang out with people in person. Even though it's frustrating to be cooped up at home right now, I know that it is what's best for this virus to stop. It's even more frustrating seeing people who are still going out leisurely and seeing their friends. If this is ever going to end, everyone has to contribute to the effort to stop it. Today, the total number of cases rose over 400,00 and the number of deaths is nearing fifteen thousand. The higher the numbers get the scarier and more real this all seems. I only had one class today, from 1:40-2:55. After class I was feeling low energy and kind of off so I gave myself a day off from doing too much homework. I made some lunch, then watched some YouTube videos, and I am ending the night by journaling and reading.

In other news, Bernie Sanders announced today that he is suspending his campaign, leaving Joe Biden as the sole Democrat left in the race. I have been following the Bernie Sanders campaign since my freshman year of high school and went to see his rally on the Boston Common this year. Although all of the Democratic candidates this year had their flaws, I

personally supported Sanders the most. I think him suspending his campaign was like losing the last drop of hope for a lot of Americans. Twitter has been flooded with Tweets about Bernie Sanders today, with everything from people making jokes about it, to people being happy, and people who are disappointed.



Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count

By The New York Times Updated April 8, 2020, 9:00 P.M. E.T.

Map Cases by state New cases Tips Latest news »

More than 14,000 people with the coronavirus have now died in the United States, according to a New York Times database. The country's death toll, which now far exceeds the number of people known to have died from the virus in China, is now increasing by well over 1,000 each day.

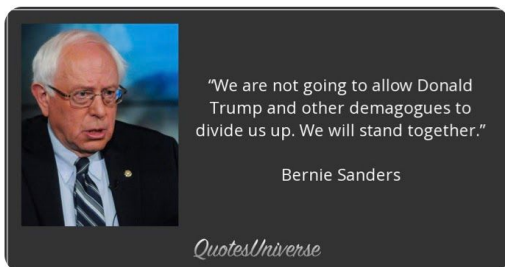


Kat ♥
@k_wtf_

Alexa play "I will Always Love You"

by Whitney Houston 🥺💔

@BernieSanders



Calliope Jones
@JonesOHJones

I dared to dream that this time @BernieSanders would make it. I truly hate the Democratic Party. I cried off and on all day. #NotMeUs

04/09/2020

As with every other Thursday since being home I only had one class today. I woke up around 9, then went to my government class from 9:25-10:40. After class I showered and got

ready for my day (which mostly consists of changing into new sweats for the day). Then I made myself a late breakfast and some coffee. I then watched Netflix for a bit and worked on some school work, took a quiz for my government class and began to write an essay. I'm feeling a bit more productive today than yesterday, but I am still definitely struggling to find motivation to get much done. I finished my night off by doing a face mask, putting some laundry away and tidying up my room a bit.

The number of coronavirus cases has risen over 450,000 , it is nearing half a million cases, just in the United States, which is scary to think about. Stores have been implementing new rules, such as maximum occupancy and line markers every six feet to ensure that customers are properly social distancing. I wish people would take this whole thing a little more seriously and actually stay at home. I have been seeing friends and family come and go from my neighbors' houses and it is honestly a bit disheartening. The total number of cases in my town was 150 as of yesterday, and we are at just under a thousand cases for my county.



Only In Boston
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Massachusetts grocery stores have been ordered to limit occupancy to 40% of its maximum permitted occupancy level until further notice in order to maintain in-store social distancing while preserving sufficient access for the public to supplies of food and necessities.

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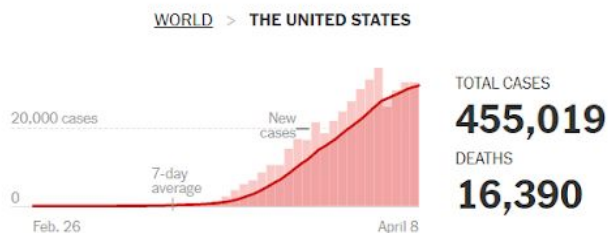
Erica
@eerrriicaa

What I would give to run a single errand right now

8:56 PM · 4/8/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

212 Retweets 1,419 Likes




04/10/2020

Today was yet another uneventful Friday. I slept in later than I probably should have, got ready and then made breakfast. I spent the majority of the day working on school work I have due, mainly two longer essays. I am both excited and sad as the semester begins to come to an end. I am happy that I won't have to do online classes anymore because that has been a struggle, but having to go to class has been the only thing giving my days any sort of time structure. The total number of cases continues to rise and it's scary not knowing what will happen next or what will happen if people don't start actually self quarantining to stop the spread of the virus.

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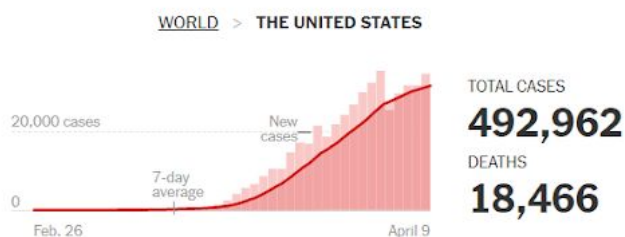
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Massachusetts will now allow nursing school graduates and students in their final semesters of nursing programs to practice nursing in advance of receiving a license, provided that they are directly supervised by other licensed medical professionals.

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25 Retweets 156 Likes



04/11/2020

Today was yet another uneventful day. I woke up, made breakfast, got ready for the day, and then watched TV for a while. I also facetedimed with a friend for a while today. Other than that, not much exciting has been happening around here. I worked on homework for a little while, but I didn't do anything fun or different than usual today. Everyday, as the cases and deaths begin to rise, I begin to get more unmotivated and filled with a sense of hopelessness and helplessness. It's hard seeing the world almost fall apart and the only thing I can do as an ordinary citizen to help is stay at home.

I saw this tweet today and it spoke to me. There's been a lot of buzz on social media about using this time to learn a new skill or "better" yourself in some way, and I think this is putting a lot of pressure on people. For people who struggle with mental health typically, this time is particularly hard, and not the time to do anything spectacular. As someone who has struggled with anxiety for most of my life, this time has not been easy. I rely on being able to escape from situations that cause me anxiety (school, family, etc.), and not having anywhere to go is hard. As time passed, I have found ways to cope and bring myself down when my anxiety gets bad, but it is definitely far from ideal. I know that I am far from alone in feeling this way, and when social media puts a pressure on people to "improve" themselves in some way it can be somewhat harmful. It leads people who are mentally ill, or who may even be feeling anxious or

depressed for the first time, to feel as though they are doing something wrong or that they are less-than simply because it is hard to find motivation to do anything extraordinary.



04/12/2020

Today is Easter, but yet still another extremely uneventful day. I slept in pretty late, got ready, had breakfast, and just pretty much chilled for the rest of the day. I have been feeling super unmotivated this weekend and I hate feeling this way. Today it was hard to even leave bed, never mind actually get anything done. I think the fact that it was Easter today just added to the sad feeling in the air. Although my family is not religious, we do usually get together and have a family dinner for Easter. Not being able to do that definitely put a damper on the day. Massachusetts is now third highest in the country for coronavirus cases. It is getting closer and closer to home each day. I have been trying to find something positive and to be grateful for each day. Today, a new episode of the Tiger King came out on Netflix. Although that's a small thing,

it really is the little things leading to the most happiness for people. Everyone on social media went crazy over the new episode. It certainly did not disappoint.



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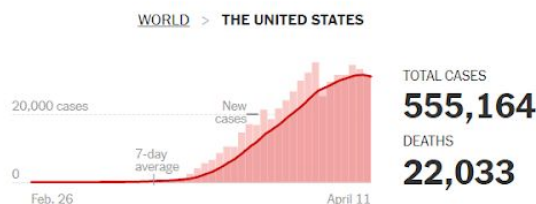
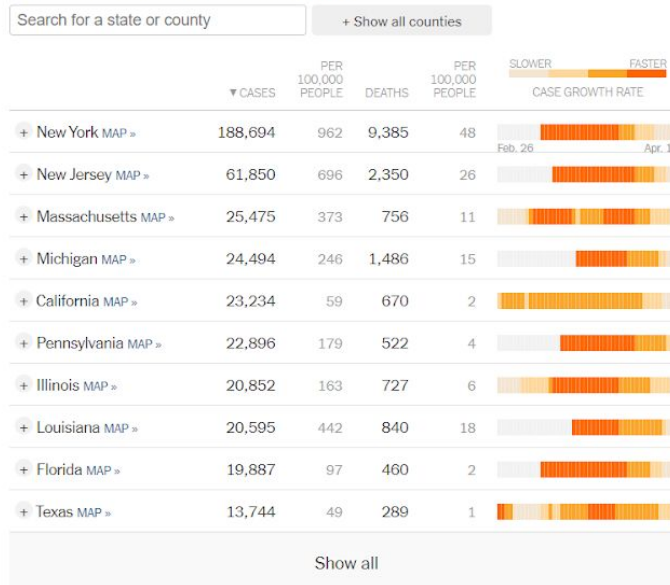
On the new episode of tiger king, they touched more on the animal abuse. Joe nonchalantly would shoot and kill perfectly healthy animals for reasons as little as making space in a cage (six young tigers) or because he didn't wanna take care of said animal. he can rot in jail 🙄

11:40 PM · 4/12/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

69 Retweets 535 Likes



Cases and deaths by state and county



04/13/2020

Like every other Monday, I only had one class today, from 3:05-4:20. I also registered for my classes for next semester today. I am currently registered for PHIL-H123: Honors Social Ethics: The Good Life, SCI-165: Inner Workings of the Physical Universe. POLS-245: Courts, Public Policy, & Legal Res, and POLS-224: Introduction to Public Policy. I am actually excited for the upcoming semester, these are all classes I'm excited for, besides science, as that has always been my least favorite subject.

Bernie, of Bernie and Phyls furniture died today due to the coronavirus. That was sad to see, especially after seeing him on commercials for years growing up. Another disheartening statistic I heard today was the fact that this March was the first March since 2002 to not have a school shooting. It is beyond upsetting that it took a national crisis and the shutdown of schools to eliminate school shootings.



JUST IN: Bernie Rubin, founder of Bernie and Phyls, dies of coronavirus-related illness
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Bernie Rubin, founder of Bernie and Phyls, dies of coronavirus-related illness

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Last month was the first March without a school shooting in the United States since 2002.

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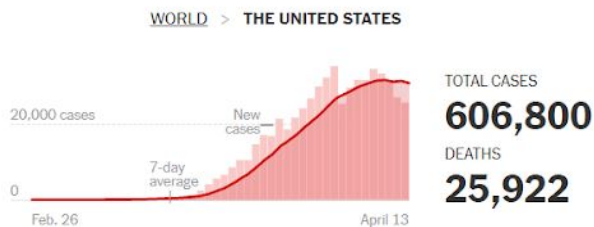
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Massachusetts	26,867	393	844	12	
Middlesex	5,983	375	163	10	
Suffolk	5,579	705	99	13	
Essex	3,413	437	113	14	
Norfolk	2,838	406	105	15	
Plymouth	2,141	418	72	14	
Worcester	2,128	259	50	6	
Hampden	1,694	361	116	25	
Bristol	1,394	249	46	8	
Barnstable	502	235	17	8	
Berkshire	355	279	22	17	
Hampshire	224	139	5	3	
Franklin	148	209	25	35	
Dukes	12	69	0	0	
Nantucket	9	81	0	0	
Unknown	447	-	11	-	

04/14/2020

I think today was by far my most unmotivated and low day of this whole situation. I woke up at 8:30, went to class from 9:25-10:40, got ready, but for some reason I just couldn't find it in me to stay awake and get anything done. I ended up falling back asleep and somehow did not wake up again until almost 2:30. I honestly cannot remember another time in which I have so severely lacked the will to get any work done. I moved out of my dorm room on March 14, 2020, which is also the last time I was in the public. So, today marks exactly a month of being in self quarantine. It's isolating and extremely lonely, but I know that I am doing what is best for myself as well as for the community.



This is Ringo. He appreciates your urge to pet him, but respectfully asks you to keep your distance until this is all over. 12/10 I will do my best sir



here's a cute tweet since we can all use some extra positivity

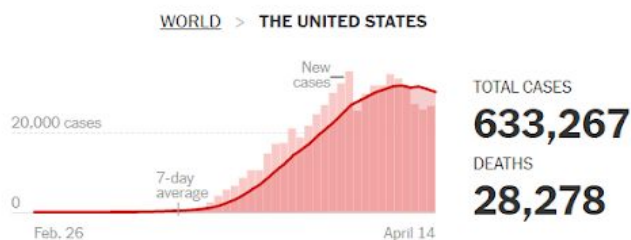
04/15/2020

Today was again another boring day. I slept in, got ready, had some breakfast, worked on homework, and then went to class. I only had one class today, 3:05-4:20. After class I watched TV for a bit, read a little, and then worked on some more homework. Nothing too exciting, yet again. One thing that I have been trying to learn recently is cross stitching. I ordered some supplies online and have been trying to learn that in my free time. I have been trying to do things that are at least semi-productive in my free time, rather than just sitting around all day either on social media or watching TV.

The Massachusetts municipalities with the most confirmed COVID-19 cases:

367 - Randolph
 369 - Quincy
 379 - Malden
 444 - Everett
 470 - Revere
 471 - Cambridge
 542 - Springfield
 598 - Lowell
 712 - Chelsea
 745 - Lynn
 814 - Lawrence
 886 - Worcester
 1202 - Brockton
 4609 - Boston

Tweet your reply



04/16/2020

Today went pretty much the same as Tuesday did. I woke up around 9, had class 9:25-10:40, got ready, and then had some breakfast. I worked on school work for a bit and

watched some Netflix, then napped for a while. After that I took a quiz for my government class and continued working on two essays I have due.

Donald Trump and his team spoke tonight, discussing the steps that will need to happen in order for the country to reopen. I personally feel as though it is much too soon to even consider reopening the country for business as usual. The number of total cases and deaths is still rising pretty rapidly every day. There was also a report made by Fox news claiming that the Chinese created the virus in a lab and it escaped. There isn't much evidence to support that theory as of now so I am not too sure how much I believe it. I guess we'll have to see if any more information comes out on that matter in the coming days.

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Good morning from Southie.



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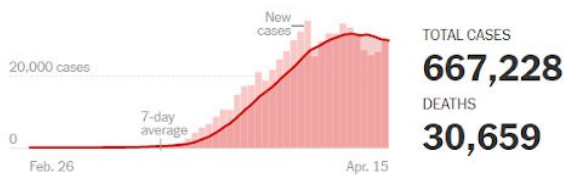
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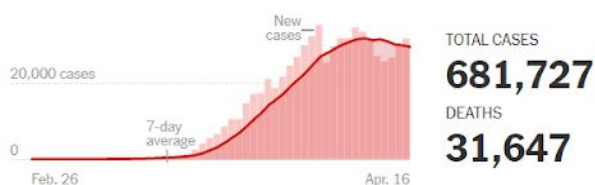


04/17/2020

Friday tends to be a more laid-back day, and today certainly was. I got a burst of energy super late last night to finish my research paper, so I was up most of the night doing that.

Because of that I slept in later than ever today. Once I was up I did the usual things, I got ready, made breakfast, and then started doing some more homework. Me and my mom dyed our hair purple today. That's just about the most exciting thing that has happened to me during this quarantine.

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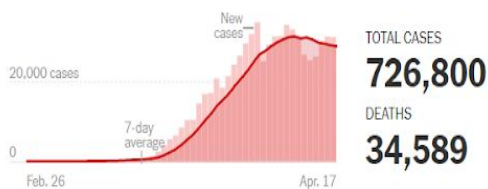
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Today was yet another bland day. I woke up, got ready for the day, and watched TV for a bit. I've been watching the show *Six Feet Under* on Hulu. I made a quesadilla for lunch, and then decided to do my makeup. Makeup has been a good escape for me during this time because it gives me a low stakes way to be creative and distract myself from everything that's going on. I'm caught up with all of my school work so I decided to give myself a break from doing anything school related today. My mom and I went for a drive after dinner just to get out of the house for once. It was eerily quiet out.

The cases are continuously growing, and have gotten above 700,000 in the United States. I also saw a Ted Talk that Bill Gates gave in 2015. In this video he speaks about how in previous decades a nuclear war was the biggest threat, but now the biggest threat is a virus. The things he talks about in this Ted Talk are scarily similar to what is going on today. Part of me thinks that there is a possibility that people in power knew something like this was coming.

By The New York Times Updated April 18, 2020, 8:47 P.M. E.T.





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04/19/2020

As my motivation decreases, the number of cases and deaths due to coronavirus rises.

Today was another extremely uneventful day for me. I slept in pretty late, got ready, ate breakfast, but that was pretty much the main excitement of the day.

There is a new app called “How We Feel” which allows people to track how they feel on a daily basis. It asks simple questions such as, have you left your house, does anyone in your house have coronavirus symptoms, and asks you to check any symptoms you may have. I think this is a super important app because it allows everyday people to contribute to stopping the spread of coronavirus without having to go anywhere and risk putting either yourself or others in harm's way. The app also donates a meal to Feeding America for every person who uses the app to check in about how they are feeling.

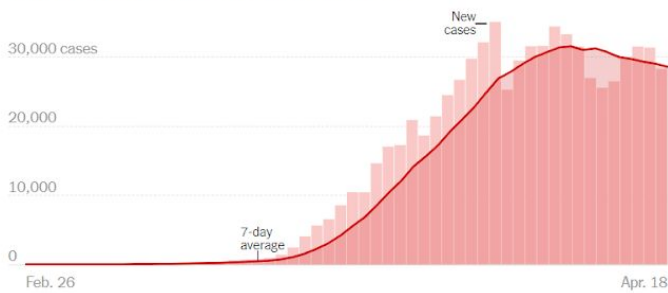


Thanks for sharing! Because you did, we'll provide a meal to someone in need.

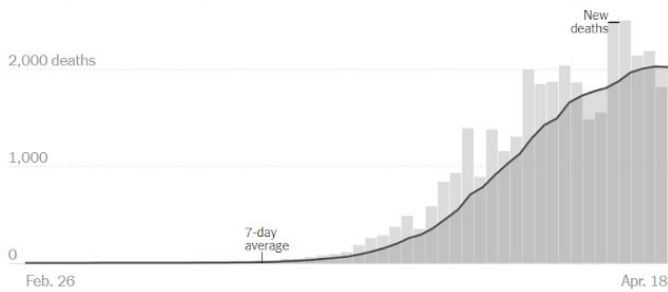
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New reported cases by day in the United States



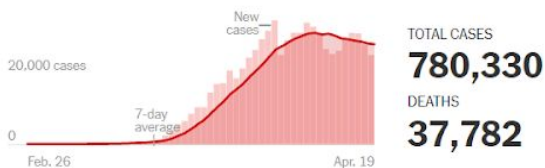
New reported deaths by day in the United States



04/20/2020

Despite today technically being a holiday in Massachusetts, it sure did not feel like it. Just like the rest of the weekend, I did next to nothing all day. I have been watching *Six Feet Under* and the *L Word* currently on Hulu. I started reading *Little Women* a little while ago but honestly it's hard for me to justify pleasure reading when I have reading to do for class. Plus, after going to class and doing homework/studying for hours, the last thing I want to do is more reading. Once classes end I hope to be able to get more into reading and make a dent in all of the unread books I have.

By The New York Times Updated April 20, 2020, 9:35 P.M. E.T.



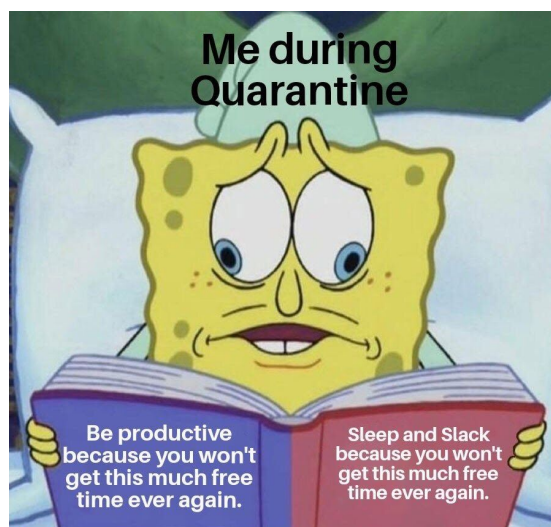
04/21/2020

I never thought I would say this, but I actually enjoyed having class today. After having no class, and therefore no structure in my life for the last four days, it was nice to have something that forced me to wake up earlier than I have been. I find that if I start my day by doing something productive, I am more likely to feel better throughout the day and be more

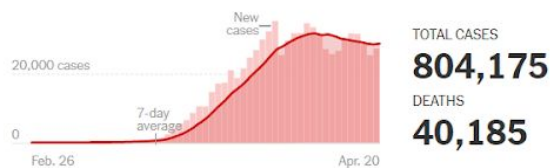
productive. I had my government class from 9:25-10:40. After that I got ready for the day, made some coffee and breakfast, and then worked on homework for a bit. After doing homework for a little I decided to watch some Hulu. After watching TV for a bit, I did the reading for my class tomorrow and then looked over some things for the presentation I have to give tomorrow for my CI project.

Today it was announced that all public and private schools in Massachusetts are closed for the remainder of this school year. I feel awful for all of the current high school seniors. I can't imagine going through all of those years of schooling just to have it end abruptly because of a situation that no one could have seen coming. They didn't even know that their last day was their last day and I can't even imagine having ended my senior year of high school without getting a final day and final moments with my friends as we entered the next chapter of our lives. My younger brother is currently a sophomore in high school, so he will be finishing the remainder of this year online from home.

Today 1:49 PM
AlertsMA: MA extends closure of K-12 schools through the end of the school year, non-emergency childcare programs through 6/29 mass.gov/covid-ddju



By The New York Times Updated April 21, 2020, 7:09 P.M. E.T.



04/22/2020

Today started off kinda on the wrong foot, somehow I slept through my alarms, which I rarely ever do. Luckily, I didn't have any morning classes so I didn't really miss anything important. I had two classes today, from 1:40-4:20. I had to give a group presentation via Zoom today, which was an interesting experience to say the least. I have to give another presentation in class tomorrow which I am a little nervous about. I know my topic well, but something about it is making me anxious. After I got out of class I made some dinner and then watched TV for a little. I then worked on an essay for my English class, as well as finalized my presentation for tomorrow.



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Two pet cats in New York test positive for COVID-19

The US Department of Agriculture and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported two cats have been infected with COVID-19, marking the first domestic pet cases in the country. Officials said the virus could have been transmitted to the animals by an infected person.

04/23/2020

I woke up pretty early today because I was anxious about my government presentation. I got ready, went to class from 9:25-10:40, then made some coffee and breakfast. I think the presentation went pretty well, but I know I messed up on a couple of parts. Doing presentations via Zoom is definitely a strange experience. Its weird and a bit disorienting trying to give a good presentation when all you see is squares with people's names in them.

Donald Trump spoke today and as usual, he made just about no sense. I turned it off after a few minutes because it's honestly just too painful to watch. After that, I finished up an essay for my English class and then watched a movie.

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"quarantine is a great time get ahead on your research and writing"



04/24/2020

Friday's are usually the most uneventful day of the week because I don't have class. I slept in pretty late, started my morning by making breakfast and watched TV for a bit. Then I finished up some homework I had due today. I saw a tweet earlier that I completely relate with. Some days I feel super motivated and creative with all of my free time and other times I barely have any motivation to get out of bed for the day.

Apparently Donald Trump suggested that people with coronavirus could inject themselves with disinfectant last night to kill the virus. I cannot even fathom why someone would suggest that anyone do that to themselves. I can only imagine what the rest of the world thinks of the United States at the moment.

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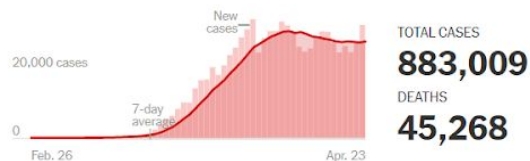
Anyone else been on a cycle of 2-3 productive energetic creative days followed by 2-3 binge watching life revolves around snacks days?

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By The New York Times Updated April 24, 2020, 2:43 P.M. E.T.



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During Thursday's coronavirus briefing the president floated the idea of 'an injection inside' — and medical doctors were quick to denounce it.

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