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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.



## 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 Saturday.

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## 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...

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