

A Day in the Life

Dear to whom ever reads this message,

At the beginning of 2020, a disease called COVID-19 or the CoronaVirus, has taken the world by storm. It started from one city in a far distance country, and now it's everywhere across the world. Across the world in many places, people are having different experiences with it. By continuing to read this, you will see how a freshman at ASU has been dealing with it along with some of their friends.

As a Freshman at Arizona State University, I never imagined my first year in college to end like this. I am now taking all online classes when I used to take in-person classes surrounded by my friends and peers. I am now at home 24/7 because my job has closed to the public and everyone I know has pretty much quarantined themselves to their house. With my birthday in April, I won't be able to celebrate until when this madness is over. Also it probably isn't good for me to risk my health. I was born with a rare blood disease called Diamond Blackfan Anemia. It is a disease where I can not make my own red blood cells. Ever since COVID-19 reached Arizona- it's been scary. For the first time in 18 years, my doctor told me that there is a blood shortage and I ended up being transfused with smaller bags of blood than normal. It is sad. And I understand people are scared. To be honest, I am getting to that point. It's led me to being scared because my friends and loved ones have mentioned how deadly it is to others with a health condition like mine. I know they're saying it cause they care for me but it probably scares the hell out of us both because we both know that if i end up getting it, they could end up preparing for a funeral.

For my friends and family that this has affected. I am sorry. I know many of you are worried about many things. Many of you have either lost your jobs or you are in the chaos working in retail stores. Many of you have friends and relatives that have contracted COVID-19 and I wish they will get better. Many of you liked being at school or with friends because it was better than being home and now you are stuck there. Also for those still in highschool (especially seniors), I am terribly sorry you will not get to finish the year off in person with all of your peers. I am sorry you will not have prom that many of you have already been getting ready for. I am most sorry for your graduation. The day you have waited for after 12 years of schooling. You'll never get that chance of walking the stage and picking up your diploma and taking pictures with your friends and family.

I am sorry for many of you that have been affected by COVID-19. The only way this gets better is by taking care of ourselves and along with your friends and family. The day will come where you can leave your home without fear. Where you can go back to school and see your

peers, teachers, and friends. Where you can enjoy being around the public without that fear. The day will come when we'll be able to unite with our friends and family and look back and go, "damn, we made it".

Sincerely,
Dean