

## The Coronicles of Me

Living through a pandemic

Tuesday, March 31st, 2020,

Hello whoever sees this,

Normally I would write something cool about how over the weekend I got Chick fil a or that I went for ramen noodles with my cousin. But not today. Instead, I'm at home isolating myself from the world so COVID-19 can stop. At least I did something fun, I got to go on vacation to Jamaica and just missed having to come home early. I did have to quarantine though. Life for people quarantining from vacation and life for people that didn't go anywhere are pretty much the same though. Except they do get to go to the grocery store. You know I'm bored when I get excited about going to get bagels! We've started online school though. It's different but pretty good. I mean, I miss my friends and I would prefer being able to ask my teacher's questions face-to-face but online school does also give you more freedom too. Hopefully this is all over before we go to Quebec :( I'll update you soon.

Bye,

Sophia

April 3rd, 2020

Hello,

A little update on coronavirus, it's not really getting any better. There have been 462 new cases since yesterday which brings Ontario's total cases to 3,255. The situation really isn't getting better. I don't really understand why though. No stores, except for grocery stores and some LCBO's are open and nobody is really going outside so I don't understand how it's getting even worse. The only thing I can think of is people coming home from March break trips. Even then, shouldn't that have been the case a couple of weeks ago? I really hope this stops soon so I can go to Chick fil -a!

-Sophia

April 6th, 2020

Hey,

Nothing is really new around here since nobody is really doing anything. My dad's coworker might have the virus. He said that he had a bad fever and couldn't breathe. He called in and they told him to stay home unless his symptoms were life threatening and not get tested so he doesn't know if he had it or not. Luckily, my dad wasn't at work when he was! On Wednesday, I have to go to my grandparents house in Port Perry to deliver food since nothing is opened there. We can't even go inside though.

-Sophia

April 8th, 2020

Hi,

Today, I went grocery shopping at Metro. There was a huge line up that wrapped all around the store. Everyone in the line was six feet apart. My mom and I waited in line. It was weird. Everyone was trying to move away from each other, nobody was being

social... You could tell everyone was scared. When we got into the store, it was the same feeling. Everyone wanted to get their stuff and leave. They didn't smile at you, workers were rushing to get people out, shelves were empty and the prices of food had gotten very expensive. My mom wanted to buy Potatoes and they cost 8 dollars! (we didn't get them)

-Sophia

April 14th, 2020,

Hello,

Not much else is really going on in terms of the coronavirus. Numbers keep climbing and I don't understand why??? Everyone is social distancing, nobody is shopping at non-essential stores and nobody is travelling. We didn't really celebrate Easter this year. The only Eastery thing I did was get Kinder chocolates. Normally, I would do an egg hunt and get chocolates and a present. Then, I would go to my family's house and eat a big dinner. That didn't happen though. My mom's bday was also yesterday. She was upset because we couldn't go out for teppanyaki like we planned to:(. We did get a cake though.

-Sophia

April 16th, 2020

Hello,

Coronavirus numbers keep on going up. \*sigh\* A couple of days ago, we dropped off food at my cottage which is where my grandparents live. We couldn't go in the house or even go and give them a hug. It was really awkward. We stayed 6 feet apart from each other and just talked in the garage for 30 mins. A month ago, I would have been making plans on the weekend to sleepover at my aunt's house or go and eat ramen, ice cream and chick fil a with my cousin. Maybe even going to try a new restaurant. Now, the most exciting event is getting to watch House or playing Animal crossing. A month ago, that would have been something I would have done on one of the most boring days. I would probably be complaining about how boring the day was and begging my mom to take me for lunch or to Sherway. Now, it's something I do on a super exciting day. Thing's have really changed...

-Sophia

April 21st, 2020

Hello,

There's good news! The government says that our cases of COVID-19 have peaked. I really hope it is! Today, we have 11,184 cases and 606 NEW cases in Toronto. Many people believe, including myself, that COVID originated in a Wuhan wet market. There is also speculation that it came from a lab that tests on new disease near that market. Personally, I think it came from the market. This week, the quarantine is really getting to me. I feel like I'm honestly going insane. It's hard to not see cousins, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. It's so lonely and life is so boring. Normally, I always have something to look forward to, my parents might tell me that on the weekend, I get to go sleepover at my aunt's house or we're going for ramen tonight or at least that I can go to

karate and Jiu Jitsu. Now, it's almost as if you're going through the motions of the day with no excitement or anticipation.

April 28th, 2020,

Hello,

So I have good news! The city has announced that they now have a 3 phase plan to re-open the city and it will hopefully be in effect soon. Our new cases are declining which is great! I also have bad news. Currently, we have a family emergency where we need to help a family member and can't social distance. An emergency is bad enough, but it's even harder now. I can't go help because my family members' house doesn't have wifi for online learning, so I need to stay in the city with my dad. My dad works from 6:00AM to 4:00PM and even though I stay home alone, my parents don't want to leave me alone for that long. The only other possible option we had was bringing me to my aunt's house so I can do my work. That also prevents us from social distancing from them. So it's a bit complicated now.

-Sophia

May 7th, 2020

Hello,

So, we got Wifi at my cottage in order to do online school here. Life at the cottage is also like Toronto. Everyone is six feet apart, grocery store carts are sanitized 24/7 and everyone is wearing PPE's. The amount of cases we've been having is very odd. Some days it's 400, other days 300. It's better than when there were 650 cases daily. The city of Toronto is making a decision sometime this week on whether to cancel the CNE or not. I think it would be really sad if we had too. It's a staple of summers in Toronto and many people would be very disappointed if it was cancelled. It would be for good reason though. Other than that, not much has changed.

-Sophia