

The Coronavirus Diaries

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An account of the Coronavirus 2020
pandemic from a 14 year old.

Small Businesses Shut Down

Quarantine Day 9

Today Governor Murphy of New Jersey declared that all small unnecessary business shut down indefinitely. This includes bookshops, churches, stores, and any entertainment places. The decision could have been and still could be a very detrimental thing for small businesses. Small businesses already have financial issues and this just makes them worse. Without any income or donations this could prevent support of the business and paying of employees. We can only hope for the best for these little businesses in the hard time.

Lights Go Out on Broadway!

Quarantine Day 10

On March 9, 2020 all Broadway theatres and shows shut down and posted until an indefinite April 12, 2020. Although it is postponed to a certain date it is indefinite due to the increase of the pandemic. This is a good yet bad thing. It is good because the actors get a break which means when Broadway's lights turn on again then their voices will sound as good as their first opening. The con is limited runs such as Beetlejuice and Mean Girls. Each had actors that were going to be leaving at the end of March and they do not want to renew their contracts which means that they only performed once on Broadway, one two show day. When the lights return to Broadway it will be a fantastic day.

School Canceled!

Quarantine day 11

Boy things are getting bad, today, March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy canceled school for the rest of the school year. All schooling for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year will be conducted online. It will not be good for slackers but it certainly is a good decision for the circumstances. Maybe the whole school year did not have to get canceled though, it could have been indefinitely such as Broadway. The kids it is sad for are the seniors. Most of them worked hard for four years and now they will not have a senior prom, or get to spend these last few months together. Let's hope that the internet does not crash due to online school!

Joking Around

Quarantine Day 12

One big part of society as a person in the 21st century is social media. On social media there have been two responses to the pandemic. People either panicking, whether or statistics or theories it is undecided. Or people are joking about, creating jokes that would make the virus itself laugh. As a person who is indifferent to both sides, I can say viewing both are funny. After all why not joke about a pandemic that our children might ask us about.

What's the deal with toilet paper?!

Quarantine Day 13

When the virus first started spreading it was not that much of a concern but since the rise of concern has started, so has the shopping hoarding. People went in crowds to grocery stores, and what was the first thing they purchased? Toilet paper, you heard it folks, toilet paper. Now why that is the case, no one knows! Not even the people purchasing it! There was a theory that the toilet was getting purchased for preparedness in a supposed asteroid hitting earth in April 2020, but no asteroid was found. Now, teenagers have just come to the conclusion that it is to be prepared for all the food people are eating in quarantine.

Celebrity Awareness

Quarantine Day 14

With a pandemic it would be expected that people be ill, including celebrities. A lot of celebrities have unfortunately contracted the disease. Including Broadway stars Aaron Tveit, Terrence McNally (rest in peace), and chef Floyd Cardoz (rest in peace too) . As one can see some have even died because of it. Then there is rapper Cardi B raising awareness to not treat the virus as a joke. And lastly climate activist Greta Thurnberg who contracted it with her father on a tour of Europe. All these sick or well celebrities want to get across as their point is to not joke all the time about a serious disease.