

My experience during the pandemic has been hectic just like everyone else's. I did not expect that coming back to campus after winter break would be the last time for several months. Being told you have a couple of days to move out is stressful. I can say that my college handled this situation a lot better than other schools. After driving ten hours back home I self-quarantine for two weeks. Once the two weeks were up I traveled to the grocery store with my mask. It was so weird to see the streets empty and no traffic. I have tried to think positively about this situation but I am finding that difficult. As someone with a compromised immune system, I try to be as safe as possible. I also have several family members who are health care workers and I know that they are another reason why I am staying home. I never expected that I would spend summer break at home but not able to go out with my friends and family. I see most people saying that we need to go for a walk in our backyard or play with our animals. However, not everyone has that luxury. I can not walk anywhere outside my apartment building without a mask on. I do not believe that everything will be normal again. Even when restrictions ease up we will never go to events and activities the same. I can only hope we have learned from this situation and will now be more careful. Before this people used to call me a germaphobe because I wiped everything down constantly and always had hand sanitizer but these habits should have been "normal" before the pandemic.