

The COVID-19 Pandemic: My Story

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For me, the COVID-19 Pandemic has drastically changed my life. I have gone from someone who likes to travel a lot, but due to my status as a High-Risk individual, I have spent most of the last 6 months stuck indoors with only my family for company. This has meant the complete loss of my social life, including the inability to just go hang out with friends on the weekends due to the fact that catching this virus is likely to kill me. On top of all of that, like many UTSA students right now, I live at home, and my parents are doctors on the front lines of this pandemic, so it has been a higher risk of exposure to the virus. This has made things very stressful in our home in the hope to not only keep our family alive, but keep my parent's patients from catching covid and potentially dying from this horrible illness. My 3 siblings, my older brother's fiancée, and I are all students as well, and this means that our education has been turned on its head this year throughout this pandemic. It has been a rough 6 months, and the newest projections are showing that it will likely be another year until a vaccine is widely available, so it is up to all of us to hunker down and survive this virus. My family is lucky that we haven't lost anyone yet to this virus, but I know many people have, and it is a true tragedy that so many have been taken too soon from their loved ones.