

There's one very key topic to 2020, COVID-19. Something that will forever change my life and many others. My experiences with covid are that of an observer. My family had multiple positive cases. Luckily no one had died or been greatly harmed from it. Within my own household we had made memories that'll last a lifetime. Like building a new chicken coop with my step dad and brothers. A task we would otherwise not have taken. As well as moving into my new house during the midst of a pandemic. We had taken the time to make many home improvements and work together as a family. My family and I had a large amount of hope that everything would all be over quickly and we could show everyone what we had done in our down time. Once the initial movement and commotion had settled a very stark reality washed over my family and I. Life was going to be completely different than it was in the weeks prior. We were stuck in our homes, in constant fear and paranoia of catching a disease killing thousands. Something you can't see but can affect your entire family. We had a sense of helplessness and loneliness without seeing others. The only interactions with people were the brief rush to the grocery store once a month. Which brings me to my most important point in saying all of this. Don't take for granted what you already have, appreciate it. As fast as something good can come into your life, it can be taken away. Those around me that I had been seeing everyday, turning into not at all for months. New connections dying as soon as they started. Life had been on edge and fearful. But life still goes on, you just have to choose to enjoy the ride or get left behind.

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