

A Whole New Lifestyle

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a very interesting time for everyone. When I got the news in March that we had to leave school, I could not believe it had gotten that serious. Every few days there were new precautions we had to take. For instance, masks became an everyday clothing item for everyone who wants to leave their homes. No one would have ever thought that one day we would need a mask everywhere we go. To top it off, many restaurants had shut down, and so did beaches, and other outdoor venues. It was difficult to adjust to at first and is still taking some getting used to. Having to stay home for a couple months was a lot to handle. It sounds nice and relaxing at first, but then the boredom starts to hit. Lucky for me, I have an older sister who I consider a best friend, so we spent nearly every minute together trying to come up with fun activities to keep ourselves busy. It made me realize how much I take normal everyday life for granted. No one saw this pandemic coming, and it completely changed how we live. I have not been able to see my extended family for over six months. I was excited to come back to school, but that has changed as well. I have not been able to see my friends who live in different buildings than me. I never thought I would ever have to be told to “social distance” from people I call my best friends. We are not allowed to hang out in groups larger than twelve. And even then, masks are needed. COVID-19 has created a more complex lifestyle for everyone.