

The world started to hear about a new virus called coronavirus in the beginning of Winter. Most of us, including myself did not think much of it, I thought nothing of it, I believed it was going to be just like the past, a new virus that gets some headlines for a few weeks and just fades away. We have seen it before, swine flu, ebola, Zika, etc, so many different viruses have been through the news but none of them really affected me until Covid - 19. We really began to feel Covid - 19's presence early March. Suddenly, everything changed, the world came to a screeching halt. I really want future generations to know what it was like during this time. Everything Covid did to affect my life and society as a whole.

March 12th, that is the first day I realized Covid's severity. NBA player Rudy Gobert tests positive for Covid and the entire NBA season was paused. At this point I'm thinking, if someone as big and famous as Gobert contracted the virus then anyone can get it. Now that I could not watch basketball anymore, I began to think what else Covid could disrupt. March 13th, the last day of High school. Going into that day of school was weird, everyone knew something was going to happen, we just did not know when or how. We finished that day, but later on that night, news spread that school was also

paused. At first everybody was happy because we were told school was only closed for a few weeks. As the weeks passed, the return to school date kept getting pushed back as positive Covid cases increased. We quickly realized that we were not going to get the rest of our senior year. Covid had taken our sports, prom, senior week, trips, and graduation.

Covid - 19 has also affected me in other ways. For the first few months of the pandemic, stores that I would normally go to were closed. Future generations will learn how people stockpiled. Stores kept running out of toilet paper. Almost everyone in the world was buying hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks. Some of my friends could no longer go out. Masks are also now required almost everywhere which is something that is completely new to me.