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Life during a national pandemic is nowhere near easy with people losing their jobs, money, education, and life experiences. People are missing out on the most important years of their lives like graduations and proms. Families are seeing each other over screens instead of embracing each other and spending time together. Times have been up and down during the time of COVID-19, future generations should know how badly it impacted the world and the things/events that we used to call normal and simple. Concerts were no longer a thing, seeing people in large gatherings started to become rare, and seeing people's faces became impossible.

Near September/November of 2019 began an outbreak in which we never thought would last this long let alone spread this bad. Many people were coming up with very suspicious cases of illness which when tested for the flu came back negative. People with flu-like symptoms were being treated for the flu even though the flu test came back negative. It was not till March of 2020 where the world had come to a pause, and people grew silent, the cause? COVID-19. It started with cases slowly rising and spreading from where it originated in China to the United States. The effect of the pandemic only hit me when we were told we would be out of school for two weeks, but then it was already May and we never went back. I had missed the last and most important months of my senior year.

As the cases started to rise during what was supposed to be the end of senior year, it felt like I was locked up in my house for months. I lost my job due to it being shut down, I could not see my friends, the school was now virtual, and so were my dance

classes. The number of deaths began to rise and it was truly tragic how many people lost their lives to a pandemic that became so deadly too quick. It was almost as if we could not keep up with the virus, it was infecting faster than we could handle. Nurses, doctors, and medical staff gave up their time, their families, and risked their lives to help those in need. Nurses and doctors missed seeing their children and loved ones for months. This pandemic swallowed up the end of my senior year and made summer feel impossible. Next thing I knew I was in college getting what is far from the "normal college experience". This is an experience oddly similar to what we know as the plague.