

COVID-19, where do I even begin. It was March 13, 2020 and we got the word that school was cancelled for the next two weeks. I remember how happy I was to get two weeks off and I was not even close to imagining that it would turn into what it did. COVID-19 was a struggle for my family and I, I did not leave my house for 6 months, all I could do was play video games and eat. Life came to a literal stop; the streets were barren and supermarkets were sold out of everything. At this point we did not know much about the virus yet so we were being extra cautious. Every day felt like the same exact day as the one prior, we were trapped in bubbles and it was impossible to break away from. Everyone was confused as cases spiked rapidly, at one point in time America was having thousands and thousands of cases per day and people were dying all over the world. The hospitals were full and nurses were working so hard to the point where mask would make creases in their skin. There just wasn't enough space for everyone to be admitted to the hospital. All I could do was watch the news and hope that at one point all the chaos would just slowly subside but it just increased with every passing day. In the midst of all this people were rioting, the vaccine was being developed during every waking moment, and people were just dying. I had my own experience with COVID-19; thankfully I was lucky enough never to contract the deadly disease but the rest of my extended family wasn't so lucky. I had two uncles contract the disease and both get hospitalized. One of my uncles made it, he now has to carry an oxygen tank around with him everywhere, the other wasn't as lucky. He died within 3 days of admission to the hospital and it was very difficult to handle. Life was an emotional and mental roller coaster for everyone and I am sure the world was affected by this by one way or another. As I sit here and write this out, I can't help but remember how much I

hated COVID-19. If everyone works together for a cause anything is possible, it is just going to take some time and confidence.