

I remember the start of the pandemic like it was just yesterday. The day where society took a huge turn for the worse. Twas the night before the start of lockdown, I just got surgery and I'm in excruciating pain, and I was watching the news on the couch where I had to sleep being I couldn't even walk up the stairs. They were worried about the virus and its severity. They were talking about canceling school for a couple of weeks. So I was happy, because wow we're getting an extra week of Spring break. I mean I couldn't do anything besides sitting at home after my surgery, but it was still very exciting. Let me just tell you this, it was nothing like that. The next day the first two deaths were officially reported and the Governor acknowledged it as a threat to our society. He started creating more testing centers for the state of New York and imposing restrictions on businesses, traveling, and other stuff that can put other people at risk. We were still eagerly waiting for the announcement on if school was closing or not. Then the next day it is officially announced that every school in the state of New York will be closed for the next two weeks. Everyone is now ecstatic that we now have an extra week of Spring break. Then the crazy stuff begins with the cases being in the thousands now, and this day is coincidentally on my birthday St. Patty's day. They canceled the parade which was a huge shock for everyone. Fast forward a few days and now every non-essential worker has to work from home, and we're in lockdown now. Everyone was scared to go outside already so it was not like anything new, but a lot of people lost their livelihood. We all thought that this lockdown would last two weeks, but that 'two weeks' turned into 'a few months'. We weren't allowed to see our relatives dying in their hospital bed from the virus, and it was a very sad time, and had to wear a mask everywhere we went. Fast forward a year, we have a vaccine, and life is going back to normal. Then the new strand called the 'delta variant' hit us. To be continued...

