

COVID-19 Reflection

The COVID-19 Pandemic was one of the most difficult times in recent history for not only the infected, but also the general public. When COVID-19 first became an issue in the United States with schools closing down for two weeks in March of 2020, I was a junior attending a private, all-boys high school. When the school officially closed, we began virtual classes which was a difficult adjustment due to classes being taught on Zoom and the schedules of classes being strangely different. This form of learning was difficult for me personally because I do not learn well when I am not in class. As I entered the summer, many places began putting up Help Wanted signs in their window because the general public was scared to work. I saw this as an opportunity to get my first job in a restaurant as a busser and food runner. Working during COVID-19 proved to be extremely difficult because of the numerous guidelines that had to be followed especially when dealing with food in the kitchen. While it was extremely hard to adjust to working in this time, it taught many life-lessons regarding how to handle adversity. As my senior year began, my school returned to a hybrid format where we would go into school for half-days and the other half of the day would be virtual. This was the most foreign type of learning for us because we had never had half-days in our school. The holidays proved to be the most difficult for me because I had been diagnosed with COVID the day after Christmas. During my time with COVID, I was subjected to symptoms such as, constant coughing, missing sense of taste and smell, as well as my inability to breathe easily. To prevent contact with my family, I was isolated in the basement. Anything I needed including food and necessities would be left at the top of the stairs. The Covid-19 pandemic and its lasting impact proves to be one of the worst pandemics in recent human history.