

Covid 19, a worldwide virus that turned the world upside down. There was a rumor with the media circling different stories, that Covid 19 was caused by a bat taken place in China, or at least that's what I assumed. Since this virus is known to have originated in China, I did not think that it would make it all the way to the U.S, but I was wrong. Within weeks, Covid 19 was present in the United States. It affected everyone in the world. Nobody knew what to do at the start of this, and nobody completely knew what was going on. We were told by government sources that it will now be mandatory that us humans quarantine in our houses and limit the amount of people we go near. If we planned on leaving the house at any time, it was mandatory that we have a mask on so the virus would not spread as much. Although we all followed these rules, Covid got worse and worse as the days went on. It got to the point where schools, stores, and other public places were closing. Schools now closing means that us students now must take classes via zoom. This change affected us students in such a negative way. Personally, at the beginning of this change I loved doing online school. Sleeping in a little later and getting to spend all day at home didn't sound too bad. Even though staying home with my family all day was great, there were some negative things that came with it. I was not able to see my friends as much anymore, and I got bored quickly. It got to April 14th, my birthday. I was unable to have a party due to the spread and 6ft apart rule. My parents organized something called a "Birthday Drive by". My mom had told me to come downstairs, and to go outside to the front of my house. When I walked out the front door, I saw all my close friends and family start to slowly drive their cars passed by house, beeping the horns, screaming, and playing music. It was such a great feeling. I was so happy to finally be able to see everyone in person because it had felt like forever. This drive-by made my birthday the best that it could

possibly be for the time being. It was now later in the year, November 2020, and Covid finally got to me. My father, younger brother, and I were all positive for Covid 19. I had all the possible symptoms of Covid. A fever, chills, coughing, sore throat, my nose was congested, and I couldn't even taste or smell anything. We were all so upset because that meant that we had to quarantine for 2 weeks. My mom would have to drop food off at our bedroom doors for us to eat because we were not allowed to go downstairs, and we would have to wear masks in the house if we wanted to leave our bedroom. Due to this, Thanksgiving was canceled. I was so upset because I was looking forward to seeing all my extended family. One word to describe my personal experience with Covid would be brutal. I would not want to experience something like this ever again.