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How COVID Affected My Summer

The Corona virus began to affect the United States economy in a very serious manner by March of 2020. Schools were being closed and students were being sent home. Everything went completely virtual due to the impeccable rate of the spread. My personal experience with COVID-19 was better than most. Although quarantine was depressing, there were still many things I could do.

This past summer I had started my internship with an engineering company. When I originally received my offer I was hired remotely due to CDC guidelines. After two weeks of working from home I received a call from my functional manager asking me if I would like to come work directly in the office. I was so excited when I heard the great news. The only downside that I was facing was I was required to wear a mask at all times. As dramatic as that sounds it really was not. I have been granted the opportunity to work directly in the office of the company surrounded by top tier engineers, and I was not going to let that offer slip by me. The next day I immediately began working in the office and got to experience many tours and labs in person.

In addition to working at my internship, there were many things that my friends and I would have loved to do, but simply could not due to places being closed. An example of this were theme parks, specifically Universal Orlando Resort. Universal did not open up again until about late July or early August. So until then, my friends and I were always hanging out together

either at the park or at the beach. We would either play spikeball, throw the football, or go surfing. We were having a blast while still social distancing from other people.

I have to be honest when I was I never ran into someone who had COVID (knock on wood). Although I understood how serious this virus spread was, I was not going to let it get in the way of what I wanted to do. The biggest precaution I took into consideration was surrounding myself with the same people everyday. Those ten guys, the people I worked with, and my family were the only people I saw. I did not leave my town or go anywhere that would be high risk. Yet I still managed to enjoy my time and be productive in the office and school online.

The world is not the same as it used to be. But soon we will be able to go back to normal once a vaccine is created for humans to safely use. But there is one thing that I hope we all take away from this pandemic and never stop doing, cleaning like there is no tomorrow. Although I did not experience any serious life threatening situations, I am still worried about loved ones and those who I surround myself with daily hoping they do not catch the virus. But because of this pendemical experience, I believe that the world will now be better prepared to prevent or handle any new viruses that come our way. By wearing masks for a short period of time and constantly doing our part to keep one another safe, we will overcome the pandemic and hopefully never go through it again.