

## COVID-19 Journal

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

- Ever since my family has been in quarantined it has been getting harder for my mom to buy groceries. There are six people who live at home now that I'm back and since no one is going out food is running out very quickly. This means that she has to keep going back out to the grocery store and spending hundreds each week on food. It hasn't become a large issues but I wonder if other families are dealing with the same issue. It also doesn't help that a lot of grocery stores are short of products, so outings can become more frequent and put people at risk.

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

- I haven't been keeping up with too much of the news lately but watching clips of the daily white house press conferences has dimmed my spirits and aggravated me. I just think it's crazy how Trump treats reporters at his conferences with so much hostility and disrespect. He never acknowledges them like they are his working citizens, like they are the American people. I have never seen a president or a person in any position of power treat reasonable and hard working reporters with so much disrespect because they asked question (their actual job) that they didn't like. And it really goes to show how little

Trump thinks of the American people. This fiasco has shown he's never truly cared about the well being of working American people, and his only focus is on the economy. Which is also just infuriating, that he's quicker to restart the economy than he is to give New York more ventilators. It's just disheartening that we as U.S. citizens have lowered our standards for leadership to this degree.

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- I checked my news app today, I haven't checked it in a very long time but I was surprised to see how much the cases of risen in Massachusetts, not to mention the death toll. It's looking like we are just about behind New York and New Jersey which doesn't exactly lift the spirits. I also hear BU might be postponing it's fall semester to January. I can only pray that it doesn't happen with Suffolk. My friends and I got a four bedroom apartment in 10 West and I've been so excited about it since we got approved, but if things don't get better soon (meaning the next couple of months) I'm scared that might be out the window. It's just frustrating how much of life has been interrupted by the virus, and it doesn't help knowing that the incompetence of our federal government is the reason we're still stuck inside. I feel bad for seniors, high school seniors especially. They essentially had their last day of school and didn't even know it. A lot of people have had plans made months in advance that got canceled due to the virus. And at first, for me, it felt like a vacation but now I would do anything just to go out and see my friends.

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

- I went out to the store with my mom today and I found myself feel grateful that our local target has been holding up so well. The shelves aren't completely wiped out and

there are no long lines. It makes me think about how difficult it must be for people who have to wait in the cold for so long just to get into a Market Basket only to find the store half empty. It's also crazy to think that so many essential workers, like grocery store employees, are putting their lives on the line and yet they are so underpaid. I hope after this pandemic essential workers can start making good money and their salaries can be raised.

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- I read an article today that made me feel a bit better about this whole situation. An employee from MGH was interviewed and they said that even though cases are rising we are beginning to reach our peak. Meaning that after this very rough patch things will start to decline. As more people get tested and treated and released from care, things will start to look up for the U.S. I think it's amazing how much our country's citizens, governors, and senators can do with such little help from the White House. They have been the only saving grace in this pandemic, and I think that essential workers, governors, and senators should be commemorated for being so vigilant despite the overwhelming odds.