

Struggles of day to day life in the time of Covid-19

I woke up on a sunny weekday in late April and realized a few second later that I had class in a couple minutes, a chemistry class that was now online due to the Covid-19 epidemic that was quickly changing everything. At the beginning of the semester I was thriving with a 14 credit hour schedule and a normal social life; towards the end of the semester I found myself struggling to understand the curriculum made for an in person class, in an online adaptation. Not to mention, the overwhelming anxiety about constantly being aware who is in your surroundings and what surfaces you have come into contact you. Additionally, there were no paper products or common cleaning supplies anywhere to be found which made cleaning and other daily actions uncommonly difficult. All of these things were changes that made living in the middle of a pandemic different but the toughest part of living through an epidemic with a virus that modern science didn't understand was the way that it affected social aspects of life.

My long-distance boyfriend had come home from spring break and been unable to return to campus because of Covid, this forced him to take all of his classes virtually which at first was very exciting to me. As time went on and social anxiety about the situation heightened my boyfriend's parents started to become very nervous about the time I spent with their son. Over time I was banned from going over to their house, he was only allowed to come to my apartment, and eventually we weren't allowed to touch because we had to stay six feet apart outdoors with a mask. While I completely understood the precautionary actions, I was stressed to not be able to spend time with my boyfriend who I barely say anyways; the stress of Covid-19 on our relationship almost caused us to end an almost two year relationship. Thinking back on it now, Covid-19 tested and strengthened my relationship but also completely changed the dynamics of school and the publics awareness of health risks.