COVID-19 IN 60 SECONDS: VIDEO EXPLANATION

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I chose a video because the music and clips, I feel, better represent what we are going through than words on a page. The video touched on the timeline of COVID and represented emotions, but how am I feeling about it personally, and how have I felt about it since March?

Well, it's been a strange year, to say the least. As a Grade 12 student, with aspiring hopes and dreams, it's a bit disappointing that I won't get to enjoy grad cruise with all my friends. But the effect this virus is having on the economy is a lot more worrisome. Us high school and early college students have it better. By the time we're graduating, the economy will hopefully be up and rising again. The people looking for jobs aren't doing too hot at the moment. With the second outbreak happening, it's a very real possibility that our world will go into full lockdown again, and we have to endure the long periods of time in isolation and quarantine.

March to September wasn't bad for me, actually. I did well in many of my academic courses, put on some muscle, improved my mental health, ate well, and cleared up my skin. Quarantine was a mental break for me, but it was tough coming back to a quarter system in the school year, especially with calculus, one of the toughest courses in the school, as my first class.

I'd like to touch on the video we watched in class, the one about how millions of pandemics exist in wildlife. As many of us have come to realize, COVID isn't deadly for majority of people. In fact, the symptoms are similar to a common flu for many of us. But it's not how bad the virus is; it's how it's spread, and how contagious it is. It's an airborne virus, the most easily spread kind of one. And it's crazy to think that so many of these viruses exist; because for majority of our population, this is the first pandemic we're experiencing. And the first virus that's really turned out world upside down, in our eyes.

For the future, let's hope that COVID numbers come down a little bit, even though it's not likely. As humans on this Earth, all we can do is say a prayer and continue with our lives. Six feet apart from each other, though. Wearing masks.

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