

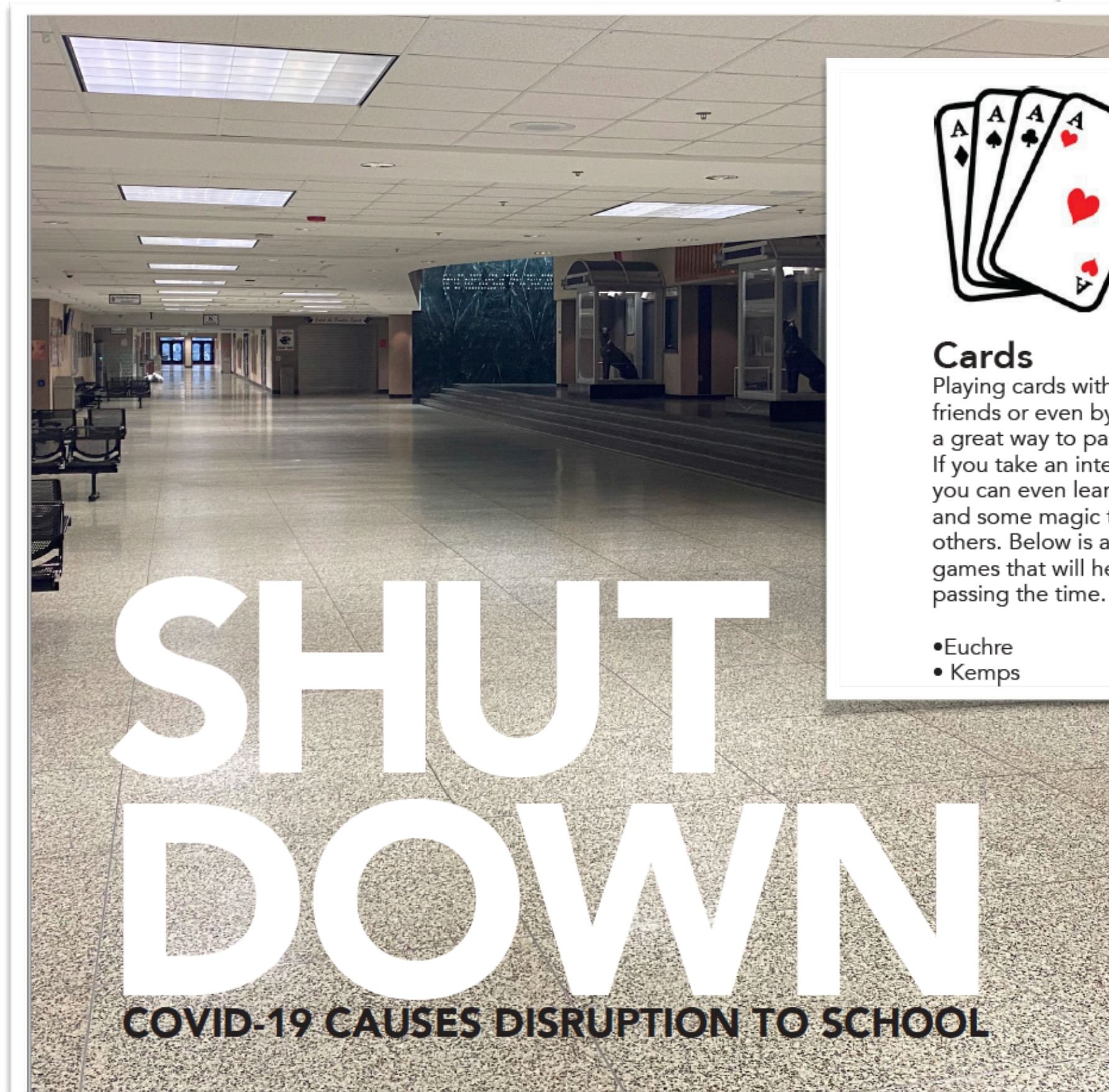
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OVERALL EXCELLENCE NSPA

Northern Lights

Staff seem to have a clear understanding of who they are, but perhaps more importantly who they aren't. Content that is timely and not condescending, well considered and presented.

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Senior Chanler Robinson competes last year during the track season. As a defending state champion, Robinson hopes an abbreviated spring season takes place. Photo contributed

Spring sports season in question

With school officially closed until at least May 1, teams are beginning to realize this season

we have never experienced anything like this," Loggan said. "My heart breaks for them."

IHSAA Statement

On March 19, IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Loggan issued the following statement:

His announcement regarding all Indiana schools for the 2019-2020 school year. We are making adjustments to the

to stage an abbreviated season. Provisions to follow include adjustments to school including multiple students by moving forward until the end of the school year. Track & Field, Softball, Baseball, and Volleyball are now to revert to the previous School Year. Parents and students are now to revert to the previous School Year. The elimination of the state championship is a significant loss. This is NOT a normal contact period. This is a period of isolation sponsored by the state. If by May 1, 2020, the necessary conditions are met, we will hold a practice event, which will be held at five (5) locations. These locations allow our students to participate in a certain level of school closure and on yet this spring.



Cards

Playing cards with family, friends or even by yourself is a great way to pass the time. If you take an interest in cards you can even learn card tricks and some magic to impress others. Below is a list of card games that will help with passing the time.

- Euchre 4 person
- Kemps 4-8 person



Games/Puzzles

Playing board games and solving puzzles are very fun ways to pass the time with friends and family, there are many board games common and uncommon that anyone may find amusing. Below is a list of board games that you may



Books

While you may have overlooked books for a very long time, now may be a good time to dive into a great novel that could consume your time for days. A good novel can easily be just as entertaining as any video game or show, so why not pick up one of the

In terms of the seniors, if their last chance to wear the Panther uniform ends up being canceled, Loggan will feel for them. "In all of my years of athletics

able to have a shot to get the opportunity." Last spring season, both boys and girls track won state. — by Charlie Peterson

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Seniors grapple with lost final quarter

"Second semester of your senior year is the best time of senior year," he said. "As someone who's been here since K1, there were a lot of [aspects of being in Grade 12] I've been told about my whole life ... I feel sad because I can't do the things I've dreamt of doing."

Cornelius also said one aspect he misses most about going to school is the unity that Bottom O provides.

"Having a space like Bottom O allows you to get so much closer to your grade," he said. "I don't only get to see my friends during the breaks between classes, but I see and hang out with kids in my whole entire grade. It's funny what you miss when you don't have it."

An extended lockdown becomes more likely in the U.K. as the death toll increases. Further Grade 12 traditions such as the tube photo and graduation could also be canceled.

The prospect of missing out on the typical graduation ceremony at Westminster Hall is saddening for de Beer. She said her family members were planning to travel to London to celebrate the event.

"I have been thinking about this, and I'd definitely be really upset because it's something that I've been looking forward to my whole life. I don't say this lightly. I truly mean it," she said.

I had a feeling it was going to happen at some point, but the abruptness of one day being at school and everything being normal and then suddenly hearing we were out for a month and a half was a huge shock," she said.

De Beer said that, thinking optimistically, school could reopen at the end of the year, but the most likely scenario would be that the school remains closed for the rest of the year. For de Beer, the thought of missing out on the last quarter of Grade 12 year is especially upsetting.

Grade 12 is a year you wait your whole life for," she said. "I'm a senior, and you know how you feel about it and you

De Beer said one potential option for graduation discussed during a senior council meeting was through Zoom.

"[We] were thinking of doing small break-out rooms in advisory or in friend groups first just to say a few words, and for everyone to get to [reflect on] senior year," she said. "We would then all tune into a live stream where [Principal Devin Ganeshanathan] would give us a final speech and a final goodbye."

However, de Beer would like to "postpone rather than cancel" or have a virtual graduation. A main reason de Beer wants to postpone graduation is to say goodbye to her teachers one final time.

"That's the hardest part of this all: teachers who you don't have classes with that you would normally just see on a daily basis," she said. "Now, there is no way of getting in contact with them if you don't have a Zoom meeting."

Cornelius said he thinks the best form of saying goodbye to teachers given the circumstances is by "pursuing the passion for learning [that] we all have."

"The best goodbye that we can have with our teachers is continuing to work and pursue our academics," he said.

De Beer said she plans to remain in the U.K. until the lockdown ends in order to meet up with her friends one last time.

"I'd wait it out in London until I could see everyone because I think it's worth it," she said.

Bajpai said she is comforted that she will keep in touch with her friends after leaving ASL and knows she will see them again.

"Luckily, a lot of my friends and I are



Student-athletes adjust training during lockdown

Jonathan Novak
Deputy Editor-In-Chief: Online

Eight practices a week consisting of 15 hours in the pool and three hours of general fitness.

Swimmer Lauren Brantley ('20) had been exercising at least that much every week since September.

However, on March 18, all of her practices were canceled.

Brantley said she has been looking to try and play at a U.S. university, and this spring break, he planned to attend tournaments and visit some of the schools in which he was interested. But, all of his plans got canceled.

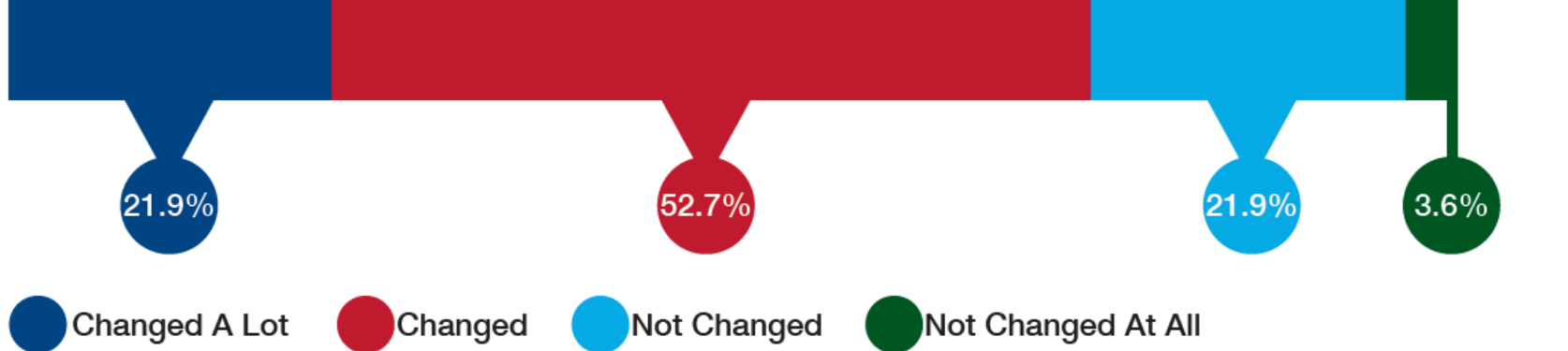
Like Brantley, Fellows is worried about taking so much time off tennis, as he is expecting to be unable to play for at least three weeks during the government-mandated lockdown.

water, crew isn't that fun. So, without the team, it's sort of hard to maintain the fun aspect of crew."

Brantley's swim team tries to maintain spirit during these times by having Zoom calls at 5 p.m. every day, where they either do exercises and yoga or team bonding activities like quiz nights.

Even though she has Zoom calls to supplement for pool time, Brantley said not

Have students' views on the importance of human connections been changed by the pandemic?



Audience awareness

Essential

A story about students who, under pandemic guidelines, are considered essential workers is timely, well executed and shows storytelling intelligence answering the questions: what's the audience want to know and how can we provide that information?

<https://themchenrymessenger.com/essential/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of The McHenry Messenger. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and RSS, along with a search bar. The main header features the site's logo, 'The McHenry Messenger', and a navigation menu with categories: NEWS, OPINION, FEATURES, SPORTS, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, ABOUT, and OUR STAFF. Below the navigation, there is a 'Best of SNO' logo. The main article is titled 'Essential' and has a sub-headline: 'Some MCHS students are considered essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis'. The article features a large black and white photograph of a young woman, Michelene Havard, with her hands clasped. Below the photo, the author's name 'Michelene Havard' is listed, followed by a short introductory paragraph: 'Though most people are practicing social distancing by working at home, others considered "essential" still have to head to work every single day, including students at MCHS. But many teenagers don't feel safe working at the frontlines of a global pandemic.' To the right of the main article, there is a 'Trending Stories' sidebar with five items, each with a small thumbnail image. Below that is an 'Ask Elle' section featuring a portrait of a woman and the text 'Have a question? Ask Elle MCHS's Advice Columnist'.

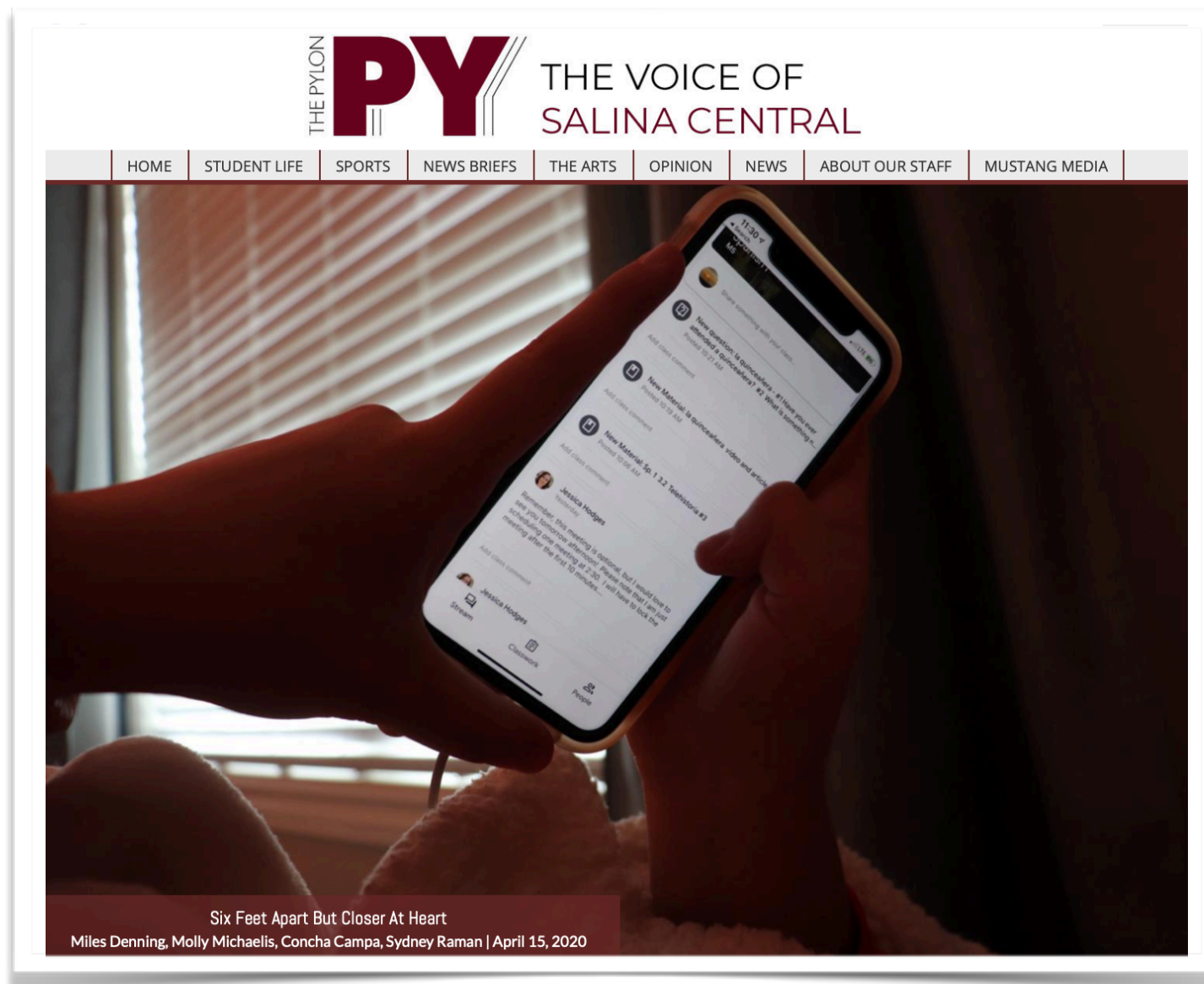
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Owning the beat

Flight attendant's world turned upside down

Story about an alumna at this high school provides insight that few professional outlets have tackled, let alone student publications. Reveals great situational awareness/ability to respond quickly to a tip that this airline professional had ties to the community and was willing to talk share her perspective.

<https://tribaltribune.org/a-flight-attendants-world-turned-upside-down/>



A flight attendant's world turned upside down

Isabella Spuler, Staff Writer

April 3, 2020

The plane was more quiet than usual, more empty than was common. The passengers seemed wary as they settled into their seats. Some had facemasks while others covered their hands with gloves. Some people chose to wipe down their seats while others sprayed disinfectants in the air. Everyone was keeping their distance.

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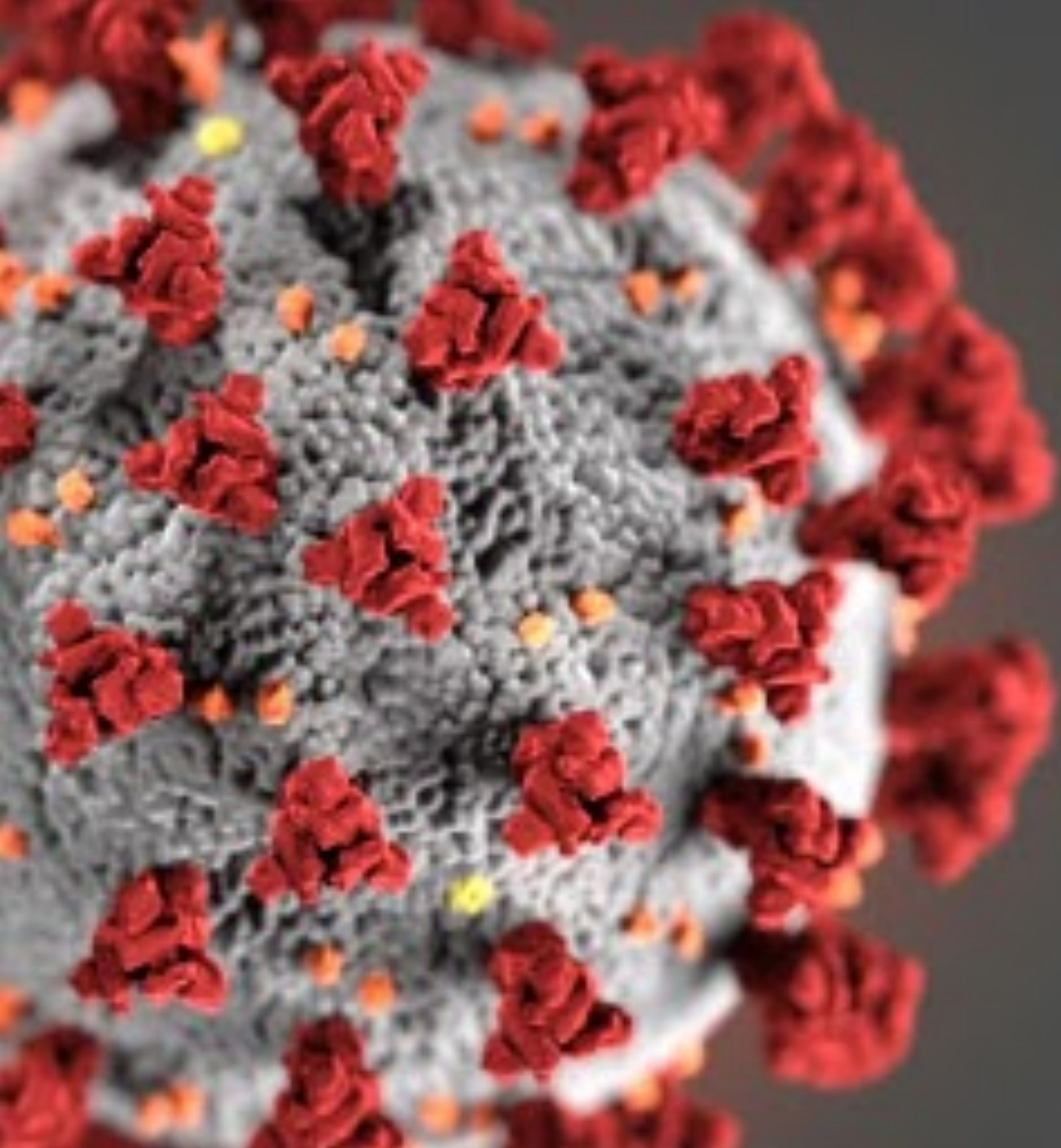
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