You Can't Make This Up

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Outbreak of COVID-19 Spreads From Around the World to Close to Home

Jan. 11
China reported the first death.

Dec. 31
Chinese authorities treated dozens of cases of pneumonia of an unknown cause.

Jan. 12
NBA suspended seasons after a player on the Utah Jazz tests positive.

Jan. 20
Other countries, and the United States, confirmed cases while China confirmed 291 new cases.

Jan. 30
The World Health Organization declared a global health emergency.

Feb. 21
Glenbrook South canceled the first-ever Winterfest dance.

Mar. 11
Glenbrook South canceled its Division basketball championships.

Mar. 12
School District 225 notified parents and students about upcoming school cancellations.

Mar. 13
President Donald Trump declared a national emergency, opening up access to local resources.

Mar. 21
The Tokyo Olympics were delayed until 2021.

Mar. 24
The United States led the world in confirmed coronavirus cases with 81,321 infected.

Mar. 26
On March 26, the previously scheduled opening day for MLB in Chicago, Wrigley Field was empty. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Major League Baseball postponed the start of its season.

Mar. 27
NHL suspended season indefinitely.

Mar. 30
President Donald Trump declared a national emergency, opening up access to $50 billion to help fight the pandemic.

Apr. 1
Glenbrook Hospital became the major COVID-19 treatment center in the North Shore.

Apr. 2
Global cases topped 1 million. 6,648,000 people filed for unemployment within one week.

Apr. 4
On Mar. 22, one day after Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a stay-at-home order for the entire state, a wild coyote was seen walking down Michigan Ave in downtown Chicago.

Apr. 8
A doctor checks a ventilator control panel.

Apr. 13
The first COVID-19 case in the United States.

Apr. 17
Glenbrook South lit its stadium lights, joining high schools nationwide in honoring spring sport athletes who lost their season due to the virus.

Apr. 24
The Winterfest dance.

May 1
Lightfoot announced the cancelation of Chicago’s annual St. Patrick’s Day parade during a press conference on March 11.

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In This Together

Junior Hunter Weisenfeld Endures COVID-19 with Support From Family, Friends

For a long time, COVID-19 never seemed like a big deal to me. It was on the news more often but even then, the virus didn’t affect me, my friends, or my family.

It didn’t hit me that it was serious until my baseball season was canceled on March 11. Never in all my years did I think that this was going to have any impact on us or our season. Soon after that, school shut down. It all happened so fast.

Especially, that same week, my mom was at a family party where a handful of parents contracted COVID-19. I watched the whole crisis so far unfold to my family and I… no one was expecting anyone close to us, let alone my mom, to catch it. My mom got terribly sick and even went to the ER. Seeing her go through it firsthand was difficult.

There are so many people that don’t understand the severity of the situation. These weeks after my mom hospitalization, my dad and I contracted the virus. Luckily for us, our symptoms weren’t as bad. I was sick for really only for one night and my dad had a lingering cold and cough. Fortunately, my two brothers haven’t contracted the virus, and it is our utmost priority to make sure they don’t.

Looking back at it, it’s kind of sad school ended when it did because COVID-19 would have spread wildly. I was barely in contact with my mom and I somehow get it. I can’t imagine how fast it would spread if school were open for even just another week.

This whole experience has taught me so much. It brought my family closer together because you can’t fight the virus on your own. My family worked together to keep the virus contained and to stay safe.

When all of this is over, I’m going to remember everything that came from the trying times. I’m going to remember how my family bonded over trying to stay healthy. I’m going to remember staying up until 3 a.m., playing video games with my friends because that’s the closest we could get to being together. I want to give some advice, I’d tell to friends on all the negativity, there’s more positive than you’d think. You just got to look for it. By Hunter Weisenfeld

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