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virus cancels paychecks, changes work habits

COVID CLOSURES

When COVID-19 reached the United states, many working students struggled when they were no longer able to work their normal hours.

"My hours have been significantly cut, I usually work every day and now I'm lucky to get two days in. I am now working less hours which means a smaller paycheck and with the bills I must pay it is kind of stressful. But it is safer for us as waitresses and safer for the customer to have less interaction," McKenna Heinz said.

Thomas Wells was temporarily laid off from working as a cook at Famous Dave's.

"It's weird to go from working as much as I did to not working. I love working and seeing my friends every shift and I don't know what to do with all the extra time I have. Not to mention the amount of money I am losing during this whole thing. It is a really stressful time and there is nothing I can do about it besides wait for it to be over," Wells said.

Governor J.B. Pritzker's closure of all restaurants and bars starting March 17 lead to further financial distress for students. Some restaurants remained open for carry out and delivery but other non-essential businesses like clothing stores closed for an uncertain amount of time. "It completely stopped my pay until I file for unemployment. If I don't file, I get absolutely no income even if it's not my choice to be unemployed. It disappoints me not being able to work due to the virus because I need some source of income since I'm saving up for my future," Ryan Diggs said.

Yadi Nevarez agreed.

"One of my managers sent all the workers a group text saying that all Justice stores would only be open from noon to six o'clock. It meant that only managers would be working and all of us style advisors would no longer be working," Nevarez said.

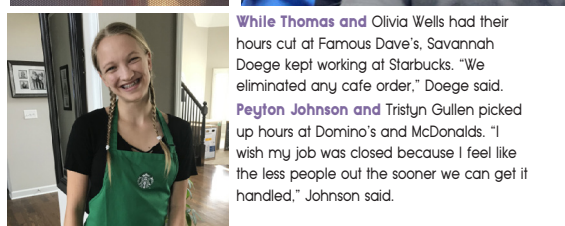
On weekends, Alaina Hyland ran lights, sound, and security for dance competitions and performances in the PAC, but Hyland received notice that she would be out of work until the first week of April.

"I am really stressed about not working. I rely on my job to pay for my car. Since I won't be getting paid for a while, I'm not gonna be able to do much like drive places in order to save gas and I will most likely be behind on a car payment by the end of the month," Hyland said.

With their hours cut and little source of income, students like Lissette found themselves at a pause for saving up to attend college and paying personal bills.

"I am no longer able to help out as much, unfortunately I am an 18 year old in high school who has to pay two personal bills, save up for college and because of this I have had to sacrifice some of the money I have saved up for college," Lissette said

Some students, like Kyle Farr who worked at Midici in downtown Naperville, had paid time off during the government mandated social distancing.



While Thomas and Olivia Wells had their hours cut at Famous Dave's, Savannah Doege kept working at Starbucks. "We eliminated any cafe order," Doege said. Peyton Johnson and Tristyn Gullen picked up hours at Domino's and McDonalds. "I wish my job was closed because I feel like the less people out the sooner we can get it handled," Johnson said.



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Now I Have the Time

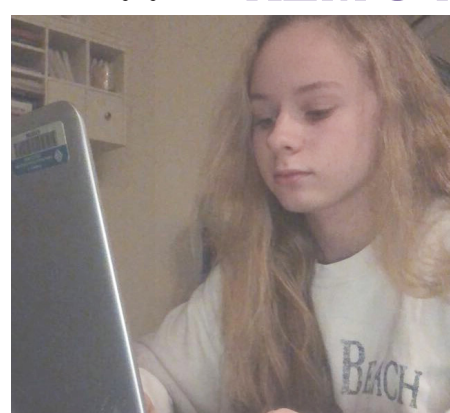
what students did during social distancing

Anna Guieb, Kaitlyn Meixensperger, and Daniela De La Cruz sit in a Culver parking lot. "We stopped at Culvers to get ice cream and ate it in my car so we could still hangout," Meixensperger said.

Kathryn Countrman grew radishes and spinach during quarantine. "I'm spending this quarantine gardening and painting instead of stressing and doing homework," Countrman said.

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REMOTE LEARNING extended closures lead to routine changes, cancelation fears, missed social opportunities



When the coronavirus pandemic closed schools across Illinois, teachers worked quickly to provide distance learning opportunities while students adapted to a new learning environment.

"It has been weird. I like working at home because I am in my own space, but I feel like I get distracted easier," Alyssa Krol said.

Camden Pullen agreed that the experience made her appreciate the structure of school because it helped her stay motivated.

"I feel like the workload for e-learning has been pretty fair and teachers seem more concerned about students' mental health," Madeline Sims said.

The clash between work life and school life was stressful for students who didn't have strong internet access or lacked a routine.

"Little computer access makes it hard for me to finish assignments and I'm going crazy staying in this house with my annoying siblings!" Isabella Weber said.

"To help focus and work on my schoolwork I made a new desk setup, so I am not doing my work in my bed or on the couch. I usually try to get my work down in

the morning for about two hours, so I don't have to worry about it later in the day," Alyssa Krol said.

AP students found the experience stressful as the tried to prepare for exams on their own.

"I have studied almost every night for the class and the test. Staying at home has put the learning to a stall. The stall has affected me and when or if the AP exam comes I don't think I will be as prepared as I would have been if I was still going to a classroom to learn everyday," AP Chemistry student Jack Conway said

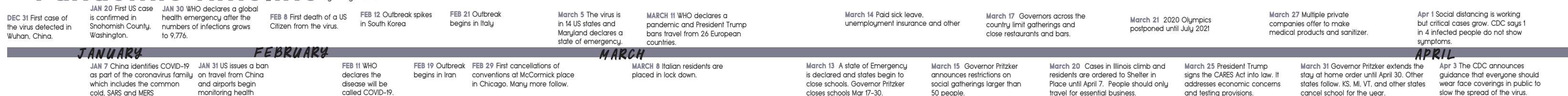
Taylor Andrews used the time to go over old AP Calculus lessons and used study video from AP Central.

As the closure extended first to April 8 and then until at least April 30, students missed the routine of school and feared that all spring activities would be canceled.

"Being stuck inside took away valuable time that I could have been spending with my friends, even if that was time at school. Things such as prom and senior celebration might get cancelled which is super disappointing since they're things everyone should experience," Noah Zukauskas said.

Pandemic Timeline

by Emily Mauro



What's Canceled, Postponed, Changed

2020 AP® Exams	Olympics
45-minute free response exams	free response, taken at home
College credit opportunities	State Tests
Two testing dates: one in May, one later	SAT, Illinois Science Assessment
Tests that students have learned	Professional Sports
	MLB, NBA, Golf all postponed

024 STUDENT LIFE

What I did on election day

Illinois polls remained open despite social distancing restrictions

Election day fell in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis leading students to choose between leave their house and vote or to stay safe indoors.

"My parents felt okay going. We sanitized our hands when we were there and after we voted as well. Once we came home we washed our hands," Desha Chitrarasu said.

Polling places were kept clean by providing cleaning wipes and sanitizers. Social distancing was also encouraged at the polls. While most students felt safe leaving their house knowing that there weren't many cases near Oswego, some, like Denisha Luluquishin, who have had Asthma, didn't want to risk it and chose to avoid the polls.

Desha Chitrarasu

Now WHAT LEAVING HOME

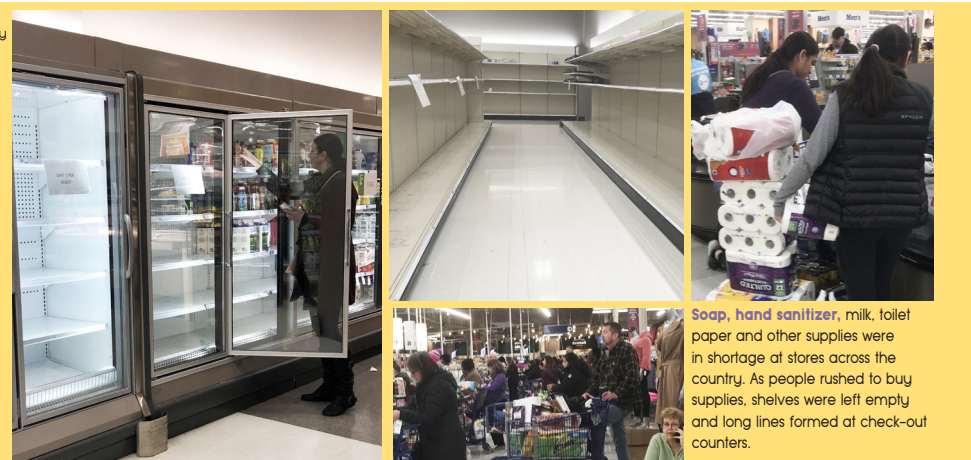
travel restrictions causes panic shopping, lines, shortages

The Governor's Shelter in Place order caused many to panic-buy food and cleaning supplies.

"Working at Target there was so much chaos everyday and people just keep coming in to stock up. The shelves for toilet paper and hand soap were empty...I have never seen the store this busy and chaotic. Working during this type of time is stressful for me and other employees," Emma Farrar said.

"When my mom and I went to Walmart to get snacks and toilet paper because we were all out it was really upsetting to see all the shelves of toilet paper empty. We were panicking at that moment and then even went to look at wipes which were also out. It was so frustrating to us because we only had 3 more toilet paper rolls left which was not enough for us," Jacklyn Kowall said.

Stores started specific hours to accommodate the elderly and places like Costco limited the number of people in the store. Limits were also placed on items like bread, toilet paper, eggs, and butter.



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