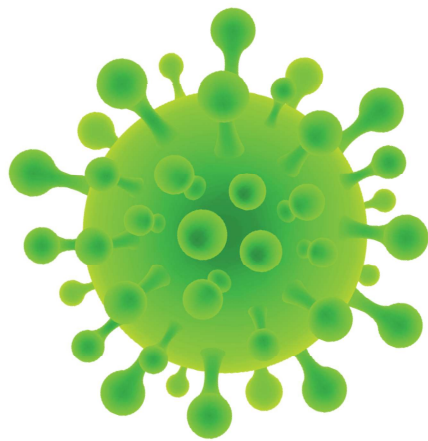


CORONAVIRUS

HOW THIS PANDEMIC HAS FLIPPED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN AND TAUGHT US ALL HOW TO ADAPT

In March 2020, the year of the unprecedented began. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; the world seemed to shut down in a matter of days as the unknown virus began to spread rapidly. One year later, confirmed cases were 120 million worldwide (29 million in the U.S., half a million in Minnesota); 2.6 million had died globally (530,000 in the U.S., 6,773 in Minnesota) to COVID related deaths. This pandemic affected everybody differently. For some it was social or sporting events being cancelled. For some it was transiting to working from home full-time. And for too many it was the unimaginable loss of a loved one. Masks and social distancing became staples to our daily life. Finally, we saw hope through a vaccine. By March 11, 2021, the U.S. led the world with 33 million people fully vaccinated; by April 11, the number grew to 65 million. Businesses, schools and public places began to re-open gradually. With hearts heavy for lives lost yet grateful for the efforts of front-line workers, the world began to hope that better, more "normal" days were on the horizon.



COVID VOCABULARY

WITH THE PANDEMIC, A PLETHORA OF NEW WORDS BECAME A PART OF OUR DAILY VOCABULARY. HERE'S HOW MINNEHAHA STUDENTS WOULD DEFINE THEM.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: "Social distancing is a very useful technique where you stay away from me or anyone of that matter, but make sure it's six or more feet of distance. 'Measure your distance or you're home in an instant,' as I like to say."

—Anthony Blanchard, freshman

MASK: "What I wear to hide acne haha."

—Sawyer Boehm, junior

HEALTH SCREENING: "It's when my mom shoves a thermometer in my face at like 7 in the morning and asks me a ton of questions she already knows the answer to."

—Jonathan Cathey, freshman

QUARANTINE: "My schedule began to be very repetitive with online school everyday and no sports to go to after school. The two weeks that we had off of school turned into months of not seeing my friends and a lot of my family members, which was hard for me."

—Abby Theisen, sophomore

85+ AGE GROUP MOST AT RISK

WORLDWIDE COVID DEATHS

2,629,240



6 FEET, GUIDELINE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

1.56 BILLION DISPOSABLE MASKS WILL END UP IN LANDFILLS, JUST FROM 2020



76 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED AS OF MARCH 2021

CONFIRMED POSITIVE COVID CASES AT MINNEHAHA ACADEMY UPPER SCHOOL

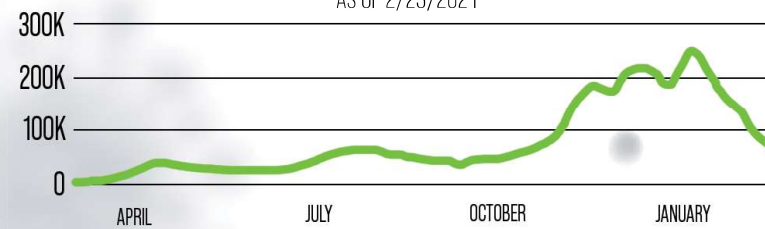
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BY THE NUMBERS

DATA FOR CONFIRMED CASES & DEATHS AS OF MARCH 11, 2021. SOURCE: JOHNS HOPKINS CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE CENTER.

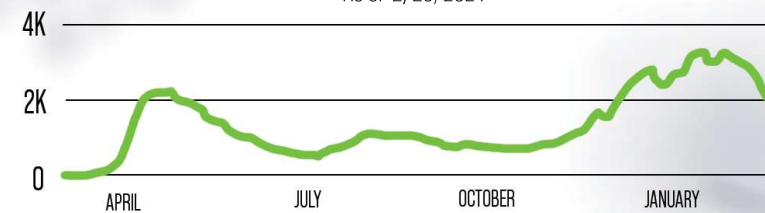
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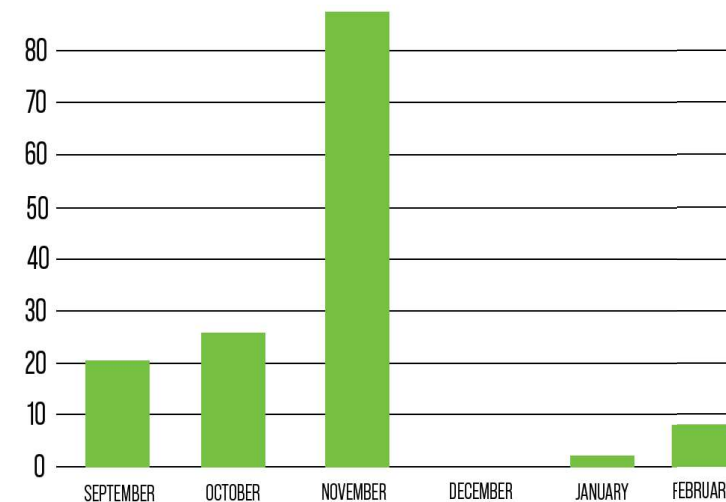
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STUDENTS SENT HOME DUE TO CLOSE CONTACT

AS OF 3/3/2021



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE WE COVERED COVID IN LAST YEAR'S BOOK?

SOCIAL COVID-19 is shown to effect the elderly far more than the average young person. Younger individuals seemed to begin to try and go back to life as normal while others at higher risk continued to be cautious. Toilet paper, water bottles and masks are all back into stock. Places like colleges, theaters and sports events all began opening up in spring.

ACADEMIC Some schools opened back up, while others were fully online and some had "hybrid learning" with some days in person and others online. Minnehaha began a mandatory health screening each morning before students could enter the school. Masks were continued to be worn and students were sent home if exposed or were symptomatic.

SPORTS Fall high school sports seasons proceeded with many health precautions and had no state tournament, while winter sports have the same precautions but were looking to have state tournaments. Professional sports started back up with little to no fans. The Tokyo Summer Olympics were looking to take place this summer after getting cancelled the summer prior.

ECONOMIC Starting with essential businesses, workplaces began opening up but still had mandatory health precautions. Essential workers began receiving the first COVID-19 vaccines.

