

# HOW WERE YOU

# IMPACTED?



**BELLA CAPUANO**  
POULSBO, WASH. - SOPHOMORE

My area took the virus very seriously when the outbreak was happening and although Washington was one of the first states to start seeing cases, we quickly lowered our numbers by staying home and wearing masks. Our curve flattened early on as opposed to Texas, whose numbers were increasing exponentially since the state only partially shut down.

**LILY PARKIN**  
SAN JOSE, CALIF. - SENIOR

Since I am from California, I chose to stay in Waco for the majority of my quarantine. Much of my hometown was shut down before the rest of the United States, so it was great to be able to have a place in Waco where I could enjoy a bit more normalcy than I would have had at home. This allowed for the cool opportunity of exploring sides of Waco I hadn't before, going on long walks around Cameron Park, ordering food from local Waco businesses and spending more time with quality friends who remained here.

**CAILLEY BRYAN**  
SARATOGA, CALIF. - JUNIOR

The bay area was hit really hard in the beginning due to all the big tech companies and the traveling they do. Most people were compliant and followed the stay-at-home order. Masks have always been required everywhere and extremely limited indoor activities. The biggest change in my life since the coronavirus was making the hard choice to stay home for the semester. I have two autoimmune diseases and wasn't doing well enough to be able to go back. I am thankful to live in a gorgeous place and be really close to my family.

**BRIELLE LARSON**  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. - SOPHOMORE

At the beginning, it was fun because it was like a very long spring break but not being able to go back to school and being stuck in my house for a month was not easy. As lockdown eased up and more places opened up, it got a lot better. Being with my family meant I had to be more careful with who I saw; it wasn't just myself I had to think about. Arizona had such bad cases that even if I wanted to travel to another state, I would have had to quarantine for two weeks. It limited the places I could go and people I could be with. I still had a fantastic summer and it made me appreciate the people I saw and the experiences I got.

**ZACH HULL**  
OVERLAND PARK, KAN. - JUNIOR

After class ended for the semester, we were required to wear a mask everywhere we went and places were limited with many electing to remain closed. My friends and their families were timid about spending time together. As the summer moved on, I was able to get a job and start spending time with my friends. Into June, most places were open again and people's concern about COVID-19 started to relax. While I was unable to travel, my summer remained enjoyable and the time I was able to spend time with my friends and family became more important.

**NICO LOVVORN**  
DULUTH, GA. - SOPHOMORE

In Georgia, most businesses and restaurants were closed due to the pandemic limiting any reason to leave my home. This certainly made it difficult and nearly impossible to socialize or keep myself entertained. However, in the months following the initial shutdown and leading into summer, more businesses and restaurants began to reopen and the world around me started to seemingly return closer to normal. Many of my friends still remained concerned about the virus, which limited the amount of social interaction I had over the summer and thus forcing me to adapt more to the "new normal" of practiced social isolation and restricted freedoms.

**KATIE JEUP**  
GROSS POINT, MICH. - JUNIOR

I spent my quarantine just cooking and working out inside every day. This summer most states opened their restaurant and other things, but Michigan was still on lockdown for a while longer so it was tough. I worked as an EMT and so my summer was affected because I was surrounded by sick people. I eventually got the coronavirus while working in the ambulance.

**GINA BASNETT**  
WHEATON, ILL. - JUNIOR

I did not leave Waco until the middle of June to travel home, so I wasn't home for a very long time. Illinois was very strict in the summer, and we were on lockdown for a decent amount of time. By the time I had traveled home, we were able to go to restaurants and stores, but we had to be cautious and, of course, wear a mask. I was taking summer classes, so my days were mostly occupied by that. Personally, I had a hard time making plans with my high school friends. Most of the time we would have bonfires or do activities that we could be outside for.

Coronavirus Cases By County - July 2020

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