

October 7, 2020

I just tested positive for Coronavirus and I feel so bad. I know that I've done everything I can to stay safe at school, but it didn't work and now I'm exposing my family. Now that I'm home

I don't plan on leaving my room until my ten days of quarantine are over, but my family also has to quarantine for fourteen days now too. I wanted to stay at school so that I wouldn't expose them to it, but they didn't want me to have to be sick so far away from home so here I am. Luckily I don't have any of the really bad symptoms, but it would be terrible if my family gets it from me and they get really sick.

I knew that going back to in person school was going to make the virus spread like wildfire even with the masks and limited in person classes and I don't know why we went back. The cases have been rising since we got here and now I'm always going to worry when I visit my family because there will always be that risk that I bring it home to them. I don't know why they're trusting college students to follow the rules and putting such a big risk in their hands. The only positive of all of this is that I'll at least have immunity for the next three months so I won't have to be so worried.

I wonder if we'll even be able to go back for spring semester this year or if it will all be online. I keep hearing that its supposed to get really bad going into winter and I would think lots of students will get it and bring it back to campus when we all move back in. Hopefully that doesn;t happen, but I wouldn't be surprised. I'm just hoping people will finally start to care a little more and start following the guidelines so we can get out of this pandemic anytime soon.

Until next time,

Rachel

December 1, 2020

I'm back home and staying for the rest of the semester. The last three weeks of class have been moved online and it's making me wonder if they're considering doing the same for next semester. It's crazy how fast the numbers are rising in the United States right now and it doesn't seem to be slowing down any time soon. It gets a little bit confusing because I live in Minnesota but go to school in Wisconsin and the states have different rules regarding the pandemic. I think that the state itself might play a major role on whether or not we go back next year, but hopefully we will know soon.

It's kind of a bummer month because it's supposed to be so fun but everything gets cancelled. We had thanksgiving and couldn't have family over and December will be more of that. Tomorrow is my birthday and I can't really do anything to celebrate it so that really ruins all the fun. Plus, Christmas is soon and we won't be able to see any of our family. People have to fly in from out of state and that isn't safe enough right now so it'll just end up being my parents and brothers again. Maybe it'll be a little bit more relaxing of a Christmas than usual, but it's been a long time since we've gotten to see family and zoom calls really aren't very fun. Everyone talks over each other and it isn't the same as being able to see each other in person. Maybe if I don't end up back at school next semester I'll get a chance to see some of them but I doubt it. I guess I'll have to see when the time comes.

For now, I just have to be thankful that my family has been safe and for the most part unaffected. I have to remember that not seeing them is good because it's keeping us all safe. Hopefully it'll be over soon, but there's really no telling.

Until next time,

Rachel