

Carter's Journal

June 6- Well covid has officially ended my school year and graduation is on my buddies boat. We are having a parade which in all honesty is pretty fun but I just wish I was in my cap and gown walking down the field it just doesn't have that same effect.

July 2- Today me and my best buddy went out golfing just by ourselves and the golf cart had a divider in the cart. We are outside and me my best buddy can't enjoy a round of golf this is not a good start to my whole covid summer.

July 25- My grad party day getting ready just doesn't feel the same, I have no grandparents here its to much of a risk for them with covid. I just want to enjoy a special day with my family and friends but yet we can't invite everyone and my family is to worried about covid.

July 28- This is what I needed a week with three of my best friends to go golfing at some of the nicest courses in Minnesota. But when we get to the resort there is nobody there. We are the only people in this whole hotel, people are missing out on some of the nicest sources in Minnesota because of covid and I'm just lucky enough my parents let me go. Will I be able to even go this next year?

August 15- Man I can't wait, my friend just invited me to this party tonight. My parents are a little worried with covid but its just like 20 of us and we are going to be outside so I told them it was no big deal.

August 17- This isn't good I just found out one of my friends at the party tested positive for covid. I have had a headache today but I think I should be fine, I don't need to tell my parents.

August 19- Omg my headache is out of control I feel terrible I have to go get tested. My dad was not happy now he could be infected what have I done I'm praying its negative.

August 21- Well my worst fears were true, I tested positive for Covid-19, and now my dad has to get tested, what have I done. Now he will have to be off work we have been hanging out all the time my mom and sister were gone at least but he is going to have to miss work. This couldn't have gotten any worse.

August 22- Yup, it got worse, my dad has now tested positive and will not be able to go to work for 20 DAYS, like all this because I gave him covid. And now since my mom is coming home she will technically be in contact with covid and isn't allowed to go to work. All this because I decided to go to a stupid party WHAT DID I DO!!!!!!!!!!!!

August 23- Just giving ya a daily update on my quarantine for the most part I am feeling better just extremely bored my side is hurting from laying on this stupid couch though that's for sure. Just happy I can watch the NBA.

August 25- Update after a painful nights sleep on my shoulder I have now renovated my whole basement to my likings moving the couch so I can now lay on my back looking straight at the tv. Lets just say dad was impressed with that one. I do feel bad for him luckily he doesn't feel to sick he is just sitting in his bed watching tv all day just like me but he gets the luxury of the bed.

August 28- Well I'm late moving into college, so that awesome all my teammates are having fun and hanging out while I'm stuck on the couch. And to make matters even worse I now have to pack for college on my own, just great how in the world I can't even pack to go on vacations by myself mom always helps me. I'm in deep on this one.

August 29- Yup the day has come I am finally able to move in I'm so excited. I can't wait for a real college experience!!!! My parents help me move in under the time slot I had for the covid check in stuff masks were worn which was new because in Minnesota it wasn't regulated all the times like it is on campus.

August 30- Man my first night was so fun I got to meet some people I feel like the weight of the world is off my shoulders. Oh great just got a call from my parents they got caught bringing me to campus which apparently is against their rules for work. They are off for another 20 days, that's over a month for my dad now. This virus is killing my family and my parents jobs.

September 2- First day of classes I couldn't be more mixed with emotions, I don't know how to feel I have one in person class. I'm not sure whether that's a good thing or a bad thing it just doesn't feel like college. I'm not going to lie after the first day I'm a little disappointed its not what I thought it was covid is taking everything from me.

September 14- Well college has been fun but the school part is just so confusing. I mean I am living in the dorm going to one class a day. And to make matters worse that class is going online now besides Wednesdays so I get to go to class once a week. I'm just confused I'm wearing a mask everywhere and so is everyone else covid is taking away from my school.

September 19- I am so excited my parents are coming down for their birthdays but at the same time am sad. They are scared to go into the dorm and even relax with us. I cant even spend a birthday with my parents regularly all I got was a lunch with them.

September 23- Oh, well, great, my last in person class I had just got turned into an online class. WHY AM I EVEN HERE, I am paying all this money just to sit in my dorm and teach myself. I just feel like it's not fair I want the real college experience talking to my professors creating that personal connection that is so important.

October 1- Finally October is here and we can almost start practice I'm so excited, me and some of the freshman have been putting a lot of work in shooting in our free time outside of school-work we can't wait to compete.

October 3- Well driving home it turns out since I tested positive for covid I have to get a couple tests done to see if I'm able to play in practice. I am not too happy about this driving home just to get some test to see if I'm able to play, is it really this serious to where I need to get my heart read to see if its ok to practice. I never thought it was this serious I only had a headache for a couple days is it more than I thought.

October 8- Thankfully my tests came back ok and I'm able to practice once that time comes.

October 14- Heyyyyyyyyyyy its my birthday and I am really excited but also sad because I cant see my family and I am going to spend the whole day just sitting in my dorm. But practice starts tomorrow can't wait.

October 15- FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE LETS GOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Couldn't be more excited. Well practice was not what I hoped, we just got done and we were wearing a mask the whole practice in little groups of just four guys. It wasn't what a real practice should feel like I'm getting worried covid is going to take another thing from me this year.

October 16- Man practice is not what I thought it would be but on the other hand it is a kind of fun I'm in this small group of freshman and we are just having fun learning how the game works at the upper level. It is still weird to be how everything is so covid awareness we have to wash the balls when we are done with practice, coach can't touch the balls, we can't use our locker room, we have to have our jerseys washed there every day and put on a string (i hope that's normal but not sure yet).

October 21- And just when I thought it was going better we had a meeting with coach and all us players talked about our grades with coach. Never the less a player was talking with coach and he is very very optimistic about a season happening this year. You are kidding me I am going to lose my freshman year of school basically as well as basketball I can't believe how much this virus has effected me.

October 29- Practice has been going good everything is going good in life minus the covid part obviously and coming Halloween coach is really scared for us. Its college Halloween is supposed to be a fun day for us kids and coach is holding us back he is being very strict and I'm just sad I can't be a college kid this year.

November 2- Well Halloween went by and yes it was fun but at the same time I just am always cautious of what I'm doing, I should be having "the time of my life" in college but it just feels like so much less than what it was lived up to be.

November 3- WOW coach said we get to actually start scrimmaging today at practice we did actual drills like two on two or three on three even some four on four. Its starting to become actual practice its like a dream come true. Maybe things are turning around for the better.

November 6- So come to find out I hear my sister was in contact with someone with covid, this is not good, if she is positive my parents are off work for another 20 days. Like why is this affecting me so bad I can't have my parents off work like that. This virus needs to get under control.

November 12- Today is the day I came back home because I felt sick to my stomach, not because of covid but just like flu sick. I walk in my door and on the mantle is about 50 masks just hanging there, that is how it has effected my family, my mom is freaking out buying new mask after new mask.

November 14- Now me sitting at home finds out after thanksgiving there will be no in person classes. How much more will this take from me is there even going to be school come next semester. I don't know how much more online school any of us students can take.