

“What was the biggest challenge of going through the COVID-19 pandemic?”

“I was unable to go out and be social. I enjoy being in the company of others.

This helps me mentally and emotionally, but I couldn't do that anymore, so I found myself unsure how to cope with my negative emotions. Being able to text and call people helped, but it's not nearly the same as being physically with someone.”

-Eiley, student at CVTC

“Wearing a mask with facial hair”
-Davis, student at SMSU

“The uncertainty. You couldn't plan anything or look forward to anything because you never knew when it would end.”
-anonymous, student at STMA High School

“Varying levels of fear from person to person”

-Cassandra, student at STMA High School

“Accepting the new normal and accepting that I can't control everything. It was so hard not knowing how to handle everything going on and how everything would turn out. Also, it's been a very mentally challenging year navigating college and trying to stay positive in this uncertain time. I had to find ways to bring joy into my life and find some normalcy when everything was flipped upside down.”

-Elise, student at UW-Lacrosse

“I get distracted very easily, so it was hard for me to keep up on my schoolwork and learn online.”

-Brinna, student at STMA High School

“I am typically a social butterfly and love to meet new people, but because everyone reacts differently from the pandemic, it has been much more challenging to meet new people. I was so excited to come to college and meet new people, but the pandemic has really put a damper on my experience.”

-Cali, student at UW-Eau Claire

“I think the biggest challenge was being alone a lot and watching people not care while other people were dying.”

-anonymous, student at STMA High School

“Not being able to complete the final months of high school: graduation, final track season, prom, etc. Everything I had been looking forward to was just cancelled without any warning. All of a sudden it seemed as though I didn't have anything to look forward to.”

-Hallie, student at UW-Platteville

“Going through basic training and AIT with a mask on because it made it very difficult to breathe during any physical activity.”

-Brendon, student at SCSU

“Having to keep up with the rules. Nothing was consistent, so it became stressful to figure out what the most updated rules were.”

-Brooke, student at Belleville High School

“I hate having classes online. I'm bad at them; it was very difficult to make the change and succeed in a type of learning I have never experienced before. I found teaching myself was not my strong suit.”

-Taylor, student at UW-Platteville

