

## Chippewa Valley Covid-19 Archive

I don't think my Covid-19 experience is that much different from the average American college student. At the beginning of it I was doing my student teaching practicum at a South Middle school. Shortly into the practicum however school was cancelled, leaving me with an easy A for that class due to no longer needed to go. The following month I believe it was April I was temporarily out of a job because they were making more hours for the full time due to the pandemic. Lucky for me this wasn't a big hit on my livelihood for I'm still living at home with my parents who both still had their jobs. I do know of a few that were scared about the idea of paying rent. My girlfriend at the time thought she may be let go at work for a short time making it impossible to pay rent. However, she ended up working shortly from home. Coincidentally enough she broke up with me shortly after, this being a more impactful memory shows me how little I was affected by the pandemic, personally. I guess I mean to bring this up to show that I was impacted little by the lock down in those few months where it was more strict. Summer came by and honestly it felt the same to me here in Eau Claire Wisconsin. Not that there wasn't a place closed or that I didn't wear a mask, because I did. I wasn't big on going out anyway, at least out into bars, or shopping. I still went outside a lot on walks, biking, kayaking none of which I feel is endangering myself or others. A month into summer I picked back my part time job again where the only difference own being I needed to wear a mask and check at the door to see if I was sick. Summer went by quickly and I began my fall semester where I was looking forward to thing getting back to normal. However, it was just me sitting at my desk on my computer alone. This is probably the biggest impact it has as on me, not that I was big on hanging out beforehand. But I did make it a goal of mind to be more outgoing this year and well I think that was crushed a bit by all that is going on. Honestly, the world feels the same with the pandemic, not sure if that says more about America's lack of initiative or me. I was more impacted by all the other things going on in the world this year, such as the increasing vocal outrage of police brutality, the 2020 election, and Trump's ongoing rants of nonsense. But I'm still waiting for things to get back to normal, so we can stop talking about not going out to bars and more about the systemic issues in this country and world.

I felt the journal was what would be best way for me to express what was happening and is happening in my life at this time.