

## Lockdown

Imagine not being able to go home or seeing your grandparents. Or even going out to eat, seeing a baseball game, or seeing someone's smile on a daily basis. We live in a totally different world since the beginning of 2020. Everything has changed throughout the year to help try and keep everyone safe and healthy. Throughout the year the health department came up with new ideas to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Starting with socially distancing and wear face coverings everywhere you go. To continue stopping the virus spread they have ordered stay at home orders and shutting down businesses.

I remember waking up one Monday morning with my roommate and the first thing out of his mouth was I think I might have COVID. I have a few symptoms this morning and I need to get tested. Well, that's cool because I don't want to get it and I've been living with him the last few weeks. Anyways so I packed up all my things and headed home to isolate for a few days. I called my mother on my way home and was like hey my roommate thinks he has COVID, so can I come stay in the camper for a few days until he gets his test results back. Here we are all alone, isolated, in the camper waiting patiently for the test results to come back.

During my boring ass time in the camper, I did numerous things such as play PS4, facetime, download games, and even watch a ton of movies throughout the long 3 days. Now to mention again I was all alone by myself. I'm a very social person and need people to talk too. Not going to lie to y'all the first few hours or so it was nice to be alone and get organized. I did all my laundry, dishes, and even cleaned my car and made it spotless. It was a grand time for a few hours of the first day. With two and a half more days to go I had absolutely nothing to do and no one to talk to. I got into my PS4 and started playing games for a few hours in those days, but you can only play so long till it gets boring. I think the most time-consuming thing I did in those few days was watch movies and take naps. I took so many naps, but it was good to be not tired and kind of do nothing. I can only sleep so much until I get a bunch of energy so then, I normally played more games either on my phone or even on my PS4. When I got super bored and was bored from everything else, I started facetime people and used video calls to connect with the "Outside World." Sometimes I would facetime my friends just one on one and other times I would get the whole group on a group call to be able to talk to everyone all at once.

Finally, my roommate gets his results back and they are negative, so now I can move back into the dorms at Eau Claire. So sooner than later I get a call from my mother saying she got tested positive for COVID. The good thing I wasn't around her or anyone else from the family. As the virus spread through the entire house everyone had it except our dog and me, the college student. This surprises me because I see far many more people than they do and they ended up getting it, but hey I'm glad they are okay, and I haven't gotten it yet. During the long two-week period of them having COVID and me not being able to go home it was kind of hard to not be able to see them. It sucked not being able to go home or getting to see any of my family because of this virus.

I hope everyone can follow these guidelines that the health department gave us to help stop the spread of COVID and other viruses. Wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands are important to everyone even if you aren't sick. If you are sick stay home and take care of yourself and by doing that you take care of others.