

1) How has your life changed since the university moved to online instruction?

I stay indoors a lot and I have had semesters where I did online schooling only, though it is not the same thing, the change that I have experienced is not as drastic as I have heard from others. Online classes require a lot of self-discipline, which is something that I lack of. I was really unmotivated for the first few weeks, and then I figured out I cannot just sit here and do nothing, I started to make to-do lists during this time to keep myself productive.

2) How have you been connecting with others during this time of “social distancing?”

Social distancing has given us an opportunity to reconnect with people whom we haven't talked for a while. However, it has been hard to interact with people socially so often, cause not every one's a good texter.

3) If you wanted other people, both in the present and in the future, to know one thing about your current experience, what would it be? Why?

I would want other people to know that this is a time where we reflect ourselves, and this is a challenge for the entire world, being in quarantine is like testing our patience. Staying in is the best for every one and we are all in this together. When we grow older, we will look back at the “hard times” we had, and it is something that our generation can all relate to.

4) How has the pandemic been affecting your communities (broadly defined)? For example, there have been heightened incidents of racism, biases, and violence against Asian and Asian American communities.

As an Asian being in America, this pandemic has affected how some of the other members in the community view us. I have seen so many heartbreaking news about how some Asians are getting beat up just because of their skin color. Not only Asians are discriminated, African Americans are being attacked as well and it is really unfair and sad to see racism getting worse during this pandemic. I saw this one Asian girl facetiming random people online on Omegle, and there were so many teenagers asking her if she's the one who ate the bat or hating on her because of her skin color. I feel so disgusted when I see situations like this and I myself am heartbroken of how many racism problems there are in this society.