

The COVID-19 pandemic for sure affects everyone's life a lot and there surely are a lot of inconveniences. But at the same time, I also experienced a lot of kindness along the way. Making me still be able to stay hopeful and know that all those chaos will pass.

As an international student, when COVID-19 was spreading really fast in Asian, not being able to be by my family side at first was surely very terrifying. While school was still running, the situation in Asia was already really bad and I was really worried about my family and friends. When seeing news that racism has become more severe around the country, also made me felt really worried. I am really grateful that such a thing didn't happen while I was at Purdue. I was really thankful that my friend let me stayed at her house during spring break, which is very kind of her family. During spring break, my parents kept telling me they were doing fine, but I still couldn't help but feel anxious. My friend was always there by my side, helping me to calm down and telling me things will be fine. After the school announced that all classes are going online, I was debating with myself every day if I should go back to Taiwan. Not until I was on the plane did the feeling of anxious ease.

After I got back home, I needed to do self-quarantine for fourteen days. Living by myself and locked inside the house for fourteen days also felt like a torture for me. But during that time period, I had received a lot of love from family and friends. They contacted me in different ways, just to make sure I was staying physically and mentally healthy. Without their love, I don't think it would be possible for me to not be depressed.

Now I no longer need to be locked in the house, and things are still running normally in Taiwan. This will surely be a very special memory for me in the future. Though there were some things that were not so pleasant, I hope that I can remember all the kindness and love that I got.