

After the courses are all turning to the online classes, my workload becomes larger than before. I can freely control the time for the courses, but I need to focus more on the daily updates and assignments. I usually invite some friends to my home and have a meal together. Due to the virus, I cannot do this anymore. I have stayed at home for one and a half months. And I ordered all my veggies and other stuff by delivery. I only contact with my friends and family members through the phone, and I keep the social distance with everyone. This may seem lonely, but it is the best way to protect myself.

This is a tough time for everybody. Keep in serious, I still see so many people go outside without wearing the mask and even don't keep the social distancing to each other. When I first started to see the number of diagnoses, I was scared. After that, we could find most people didn't pay special attention to this matter, so, the situation became worse. This is irritating and heartache news for all of us. I am an international student. When the epidemic just spreads in the United States, I often see news of discrimination and beatings against Asians in the news. So, I was afraid of becoming alien in my community or get any attack from others, I chose not to wear a mask. When the epidemic became more and more serious, I began to wear the mask in crowded places. In order to avoid being discriminated against, I chose not to go out as much as possible. My parents are really worried about me, and they are asking me to go back home. My visa is going to expire in October, and the airplane ticket is also difficult to buy. We do not know when the embassy will resume work, and it's hard to get an appointment. So, I decided to stay in the US and finish my last academic year. In this tension, I also need to comfort my parents that everything is fine.

Half of my community is international students and half are American students. So, I hardly encountered violent racial discrimination. It's just that American students will be curious when they see me wearing the mask. Some students suffered racial discrimination in the Lafayette region. Before the spring break, I have been to the T mall once time. One of the employees stayed far away from me, he showed spitting at me. Although this is just a fake action, I still afraid that he will turn this action into real. Then, I walked away quickly.

Most people that I met in my community were nice and friendly. Now more and more people are wearing masks. But with the announcement of the school's reopening, international students are panicking and nervous. Especially for Chinese students, they are aware of the loss and harm caused by this virus to China. Also, we clearly understand the widespread of this virus in the United States. Some Americans' indifference to the virus makes us deeply worried that Purdue will become the next outbreak position. According to a classmate suspected of the new coronavirus, the detection rate in Indiana is very low, and the capacity of the hospital is limited. Based on this situation, I hope everyone pays attention to social distance and self-protection.

Most importantly, the coronavirus is not the small flu. It is a virus with a high infection rate, a high mortality rate, and a high relapse rate. Protecting yourself is protecting others. This is a disaster for all Humans, it's not "Wuhan virus" or "Chinese virus". I hope everyone will gather their strength to fight the virus together, give up racial stereotypes and boundaries. China has now nearly controlled the outbreak rate of the coronavirus. Asians and North Americans should help and cooperate with each other to completely control the epidemic as soon as possible. Both economic losses and casualties are undesirable. In the end, I want to express my deep condolences to those who lost their lives due to this virus.