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**What were your thoughts when the first COVID-19 cases were being diagnosed in China? Did you expect it to spread to the US?**

I anticipated that at some point it would impact the US, but I definitely did not expect it to unfold in the manner in which it did.

**How have things changed for you and/or your family since the outbreak?**

Both my parents are working from home, and my brother and i are home from school.

**For you, what is the worst thing about this?**

I cannot see my friends, and I feel that I am not learning much. I am also very bored and have ran out of things to do to occupy myself.

**In your experience so far, what, if anything, has been positive about this?**

I have been finding time to do things that I hadn't gotten around too. Also, family has decided to adopt a kitten!

**Tell us about a moment or experience during this time that you will never forget.**

I will never forget going to the grocery store and seeing everyone in masks, it just felt so surreal. Also, watching the news and seeing the number of cases and the death total rising so rapidly is something I won't forget.

**Pretend it is the year 2050 and another pandemic is looming--what would you tell someone who has just asked what it was like to live through the 2020 pandemic?**

I would say that you should certainly social distance and do not take it lightly, because it could unravel, and become so serious. If you just do your part to begin with, there is a chance that the pandemic could conclude sooner.