

As the third quarter came to a close and students looked for new swimsuits to enjoy their spring breaks in, the COVID-19 pandemic was in the process of shutting down the United States. On March 15, the Mayor of St. Louis announced the mandatory closing of school until at least April 6, and just eight days later, a 30 day stay-at-home order was issued for St. Louis. For some students, this meant no more trips to the beach or hanging out with friends for a while as KHS moved to an online schooling format—a format in which students had to adapt to the new computer-dependent reality that had become the remainder of the school year. But for others, this was potentially the end of high school. For the 428 seniors, this meant no final spring sport season to end their careers, no traditional senior prom to get dressed up for and much of their final quarter of high school being spent online. For all, this was life during the coronavirus.

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DEC. 31 - JAN. 23

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

WHEN DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT COVID-19?
WHAT WAS YOUR INITIAL REACTION?

"I first heard about [the virus] the last week before spring break. That was when it really got brought up in the halls, like everyone was talking about it. I initially heard about it in chemistry, and I got the in-depth facts about it because we did a lesson. With the statistics, I wasn't that scared. If you look at statistics in Missouri, I'm not scared. We are more cautious."
- Maddie Schmid

"At first, I wasn't really phased by it because there was only one case in St. Louis. I wasn't that worried."
- Mary Alabsew

"I actually heard about [COVID-19] before it really blew up, when it was first in China. I was like 'OK, well it's just China's problem for right now; hopefully, it just doesn't reach America.'
- Faith Meyer

"I watched a TikTok that had included it in a meme where the guy said 'It's corona time.' Then I thought it was stupid because most things on TikTok are stupid, but I watched it anyway."
- Jacob Hicks

"I didn't think much of it in the early stages when it was still in China. I thought nothing was going to happen, but then it spread and that was scary."
- Elizabeth Riti

"I heard about corona[virus] like a week before the lockdown and I didn't really care. I didn't think it would get anywhere near this bad, but I just wish I could leave the house and see my friends."
- Alex Watkins

"Initially, I didn't think much of it. I just thought it would die down in a couple weeks. When I first heard about it, I didn't take much [precaution]. Now I disinfect my room at least once a day as well as wash my hands a lot more."
- Noel Musson

"I think the first time I heard [about COVID-19] was first semester. I think I saw it in some kind of meme or something and my reaction was 'That sucks, but it's not really gonna happen to us.' It didn't seem like a big deal."
- Kaleb Owens

"I heard about it early in December or January. It was still called the Wuhan virus there, and I didn't really care because I thought it would be one of those things that never really affected the U.S."
- Jason Pool

"My dad was the first one to tell me about it and I didn't believe him at first. I think it freaked me out a little bit that [the virus] could be anywhere in St. Louis within a couple of days. Obviously, the infected people were told to self-quarantine, but it's scary when you hear that they didn't exactly comply with that order and could have spread it to people around them."
- Anonymous Upperclassman

"I heard about it about three weeks ago and I didn't think it was that serious."
- Mychal Kernan

"I don't think I could pinpoint an exact time, but I know Mr. [Ryan] Evans, [my] bio teacher, started talking about it really early. Maybe like mid to late February, probably a week before spring break. I remember reading it was something going on in Wuhan, China and thinking it could never spread over here to where we would have to be worried about it. The last disease outbreak that happened was Ebola when I think we were in seventh grade. That never really touched the U.S., so I remember hearing very little about it at first and then thinking very little of it too."
- Naomi Thomson

"I first heard about it when it broke out in China and became quite bad. My first reaction was a little bit of shock to see how big of an impact it had on China and I wasn't worried at the time."
- Jessica Briers

"I definitely felt like it was a lot closer to home, but also if people just did what they were supposed to do, it wouldn't be a huge problem. I figured that it wasn't close enough to me where I felt like I was going to get it immediately. As long as no one screws up, which they did, then I think it would have been fine. It didn't really phase me that much."
- Max Hutchinson

"Before spring break, or before we left for the orchestra trip, a lot of teachers were talking about how we were going to come back after break. No one thought that it would come to St. Louis [this] quick and have everything shut down as quick as it did. I left for the orchestra trip on Wednesday and everything was still open, everything was still good, it had seemed to be contained. When we were on our way back on Sunday, everything was shut down. It kind of happened super quick and that's what I was shocked about."
- Kiden Smith



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"AT FIRST I HAD NO FEAR AND ASSUMED IT WOULD NEVER BE AN ISSUE IN THE U.S. ESPECIALLY NOT IN MISSOURI. BUT NOW THAT IT'S HERE, I GUESS I'VE BEEN PROVEN WRONG ABOUT THAT."
- ANONYMOUS UPPERCLASSMAN

TIMELINE | STAMPING COVID-19

COVID-19, an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness, began in China and spread across the globe starting Jan. 20

CHINESE AUTHORITIES TREATED DOZENS OF CASES OF PNEUMONIA OF AN UNKNOWN CAUSE.

DECEMBER 31

CHINA REPORTED THE FIRST DEATH.

JANUARY 11

THE FIRST CONFIRMED CASES OUTSIDE MAINLAND CHINA OCCURRED IN JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND AND THE U.S.

JANUARY 20

WUHAN, A CITY OF MORE THAN 11 MILLION, WAS CUT OFF BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

JANUARY 23

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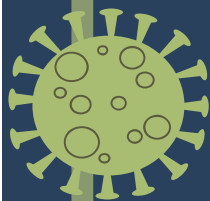


Q: Is there anything that you want to add your input/ feelings on?
 A: "I would just say don't let the coronavirus ruin your life, even though it is, just have a positive outlook and everything will be better as long as you're staying six feet away from other people. That's about it."

Q: What have you found to do?
 A: "Right now, I am trying to learn a new language because I don't want to be on my phone all day for hours doing nothing. So I am just trying to learn different languages and different skills. Drawing, I'm a bad drawer but I think by the end of this quarantine, I'll cross a level."

Q: Has there been any positive outcomes from this for you and your family?
 A: "Honestly, I found new things to do because I was so bored."

Q: Was any event that you were planning on going to cancelled?
 A: "I was going to take a trip to Minnesota to go see family, but that's not happening. Also, I was looking forward to prom; it's not going to be held at the regular place and it honestly might get cancelled which I feel kind of iffy about. That was like the highlight of senior year: prom, senior trip and graduation. The possibility of that being cancelled is upsetting to most people."



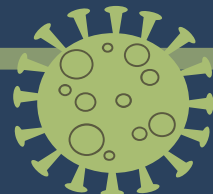
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"RIGHT NOW MY DAD IS IN AFRICA TAKING A TRIP TO VISIT FAMILY THERE AND SINCE THE CORONAVIRUS STARTED HE PROBABLY CAN'T COME BACK HOME FOR A COUPLE MONTHS. HONESTLY THAT'S THE DOWNSIDE OF IT."

Q: Do you think that has changed your perspective about how you want to go about combating this issue?
 A: "I would say to definitely stay inside because the quicker we stay inside, the quicker this virus will go away and the quicker we will be able to get back to our lives."

Q: How do you feel about that and not being able to see him?
 A: "I mean I don't feel good about it or there's nothing I can do about it except for stay inside and self distancing to get this over with as quickly as possible. Just so that he can come back home as soon as possible."

Q: Is there any part of your family dynamic that has changed obviously including your dad?
 A: "It's still the same. It's just one other person who is not in the picture at the moment. We still talk to each other on the phone and it's not that big of a deal. He's just not there physically. That is about it."



HOW HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED YOU?

"I'm only allowed to go to work, and have to wear gloves at work. People get mad at me if I cough."
 - Jack Hudson

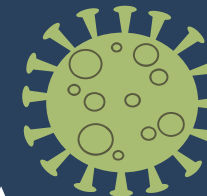
"I've learned to not take anything for granted, and spend time with my family and friends."
 - Quinn Nauman

"I work at Chick-fil-A. At first, we only closed the play place. Then, about a week ago, we closed the whole dining room area, so anybody who's not in a Chick-fil-A uniform cannot come inside."
 - JJ Penn

"To be honest, I'm still low-key in shock. I really haven't processed that all this is happening. I keep feeling like this is fake, like I'm literally dreaming or something and I'm going to wake up and none of this happened. It's surreal. It's going to be crazy that someday I'm going to be able to tell my kids that I lived through the COVID-19 pandemic. I'll be able to say that I was alive for that and that I lived through that, and I lived through online learning and self-quarantining. My brain can physically not wrap around the fact that all this is happening. It's so bizarre."
 - Lexy Custer

"I can't see my grandparents because my grandma has a lung condition and if I was exposed to something, it would be life-threatening."
 - Ryan Clutes

"Besides social distancing, [coronavirus has made me have] probably more independence."
 - Kade Kenter



HOW AFRAID WERE YOU INITIALLY ABOUT THE VIRUS?

"I didn't really think it was going to come here and affect us like it has. I didn't think it was going to be a big deal."
 - Audrey Turley

"In the beginning stages I was like 'Oh OK, it's not like it's gonna hit us that bad,' but while I watched our president talk about it I was like 'Oh, there's no way it's just gonna disappear. It's not a hoax,' and that's when I was like 'OK, we are in danger.'
 - Maya Kim

"I think my fear of COVID-19 stems from the fact that I'm highly susceptible to it and I'm not sure how strongly the coronavirus would affect me if I were to have it. My mom is probably the most worried. She doesn't want to take any risks with me since there are so many uncertainties."
 - Mia Alexander

"I wasn't afraid I was going to get it, I was more afraid of how it would impact normal day activities."
 - Kylie Pettus

WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT BEING IN SCHOOL? WHAT DO YOU MISS LEAST?

"I never realized how learning face-to-face with a teacher and having people around you is actually helpful, and so now that we have to do online I really have no idea how I'm actually going to learn anything."
 - Cecilia Escudero

"What I'll miss least is probably wasting time in class when teachers talk about stuff we don't need to know or doesn't apply to what we're learning."
 - Anonymous upperclassman

"I don't miss waking up early. It's kind of hard to do precalc at like eight in the morning."
 - Emma Berkley

"I miss seeing my friends."
 - John Denckhoff

HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED YOUR FAMILY PERSONALLY?

"My younger brother has type 1 diabetes, which puts him at a higher risk for serious complications if he did come in contact with the coronavirus. My family started staying home and social distancing a week or so before it was government ordered, so we've been stuck at home for a while. We clean our house pretty regularly, order most of our groceries with delivery and obviously wash hands all the time."
 - Molly Higgins

"I think we are all just learning how to give each other space when we need time for ourselves. I'll go to my room for part of the day, but also most nights we watch a movie together and my brother and I will help make dinner and things like that. We've definitely gotten closer just because of the situation we are in."
 - Melina Fioretti

"Shopping wise, we are kind of like 'What are we gonna eat?' I'm not saying we are gonna starve or anything, it's just weird. We can't go around other families. We're a very social family. We've just kind of been sitting here."
 - Cooper Hogan

"I have been spending time with family, although I don't have a choice really, but I have been having time to focus on myself."
 - RJ Watkins

WITH KHS STUDENTS

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION RESTRICTED TRAVEL FROM CHINA.

JANUARY 31

A 44 YEAR-OLD FROM THE PHILIPPINES WAS DECLARED THE FIRST VIRUS-RELATED DEATH OUTSIDE OF CHINA. DEATH COUNT TOTALED 360.

FEBRUARY 2

AFTER A TWO-WEEK TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, OVER 3,600 PASSENGERS BEGAN A QUARANTINE ABOARD THE DIAMOND PRINCESS CRUISE SHIP IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

FEBRUARY 5

CHINESE DOCTOR, HAILED A HERO FOR ATTEMPTING TO RAISE ALARMS ABOUT COVID-19 SEVERITY, DIED AFTER CONTRACTING VIRUS.

FEBRUARY 7

DEATH TOLL IN CHINA SURPASSED THE DEATHS DURING THE SARS EPIDEMIC.

FEBRUARY 10

FRANCE ANNOUNCED THE FIRST CORONAVIRUS DEATH IN EUROPE.

FEBRUARY 14

CHINESE OFFICIALS DRAFTED LEGISLATION TO CURB THE PRACTICE OF EATING WILDLIFE, THOUGHT TO BE THE INITIAL CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK.

FEBRUARY 17

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$1.25 BILLION FOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE.

FEBRUARY 24

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FEB. 26-MARCH 11

TAKIN' A BREAK FROM SPRING BREAK

STUDENTS EXPLAIN HOW CORONAVIRUS EFFECTED THEIR SPRING BREAK

"The virus is keeping me out of school and is messing up my senior year. It also cut my spring break trip to Mexico short by one day because we were scared that Trump was going to close the border and we could get stuck in Mexico."
- Will Ferbet

"I was still able to go on spring break but because of COVID-19, all of the restaurants and the beaches in Florida closed."
- Julie Obertop

"I was supposed to have rehearsal and mock trial practice but they both got canceled. I was also supposed to go to Chicago and visit my grandparents but that got canceled too. I was supposed to go out with friends. I had a sleepover planned and so many other things, but they all got checked off the list one by one."
- Mackenzie Klein

"I went on the orchestra trip to Orlando for spring break and I thought that might get canceled because of the virus, so I was surprised when all of our plans still happened. My parents were really worried about me going just because it's a big theme park that we were going to and those are usually pretty unsanitary when there's not a global disease going around, so I made sure to be super careful about what I was touching. After that, my family went to St. Augustine, Florida with another family and we rented a condo. Our plans weren't really affected by COVID-19, but we were careful to avoid going to restaurants and stores. The beach wasn't very crowded so it was easy to practice social distancing. Finally, we were supposed to rent a house in Panama City with my grandma and aunt, but we didn't want my grandma traveling on a plane and we knew that portion of the trip would be very affected by COVID-19, so we visited my aunt at her house in Tallahassee, Florida instead. She has a pool and a boat that we used a lot, so we didn't have to come in much contact with non-family members at all."
- Eleanor Steuby

"Initially, my friend invited me and another friend of mine to go with her family [on] a trip to Colorado in their house that is located outside of Steamboat Springs. [It is a] very isolated location, there's not really anyone there for probably like 50 miles or so. [It is a] pretty secluded area. Everything was fine for the most part. We just kind of did stuff around the house, but soon headlines were being made about the virus getting worse throughout the country, so my friend's father got worried and decided to send me and my other friend on a flight the next morning back home so we could be with our families in case there [was] a complete travel restriction, in which case we would've been stuck in Colorado for who knows how long."
- Kaleigh Bendoff

"I feel like some of my classmates are very silly for going on spring break to Florida and England and still traveling."
- Knox Cooper

"We went to Colorado. All the slopes closed so we couldn't go skiing, which was a bummer. We ended up going to Wyoming and they had a slope open there so we ended up skiing and the next day it closed so we went home and just quarantined ourselves after that."
- Paige McPhillips

"I had spring break plans to go to Siesta Key, Florida. We had a house on the beach and I was so excited until my mom told me we had to cancel due to the corona[virus]. Sadly, there were several cases there and my mom didn't want to take any risks."
- Caroline Geeting

WERE YOUR SPRING BREAK PLANS AFFECTED BY COVID-19?



*out of 318 responses

A FLORIDA FIASCO

"I HAD TO COME HOME EARLY FROM FLORIDA AND WE HAVE A HOUSE GUEST WHO CAN'T GO BACK HOME TO NYC SO SHE'S BEEN HERE FOR 2-3 WEEKS AND DOESN'T KNOW WHEN SHE CAN RETURN HOME."
- CHARLOTTE HEINRICH

"I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO FLORIDA FOR FIVE DAYS FOR CARDINALS SPRING TRAINING, MIAMI HEAT NBA GAME AND UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, BUT WE CALLED OFF OUR TRIP."
- HAYDEN DAVIDSON

"I WAS SUPPOSED TO STAY IN ORLANDO FLORIDA, FROM MY ORCHESTRA TRIP, AND GO MAKE PLANS AT DISNEY WORLD WITH MY MOM, BUT IT GOT CANCELED CAUSE THE PARKS GOT CLOSED DOWN."
- BELLA ORLANDO

"WE WENT TO FLORIDA AND IT WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT STATES BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THERE ARE OLDER. ALL THE PUBLIC BEACHES GOT SHUT DOWN AND IT ALMOST FELT LIKE WE HAD TO ESCAPE WHEN WE LEFT. I HAD TO TAKE FIVE OF MY YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS ON THE PLANE BACK ALONE AND MY GRANDMA DROVE FROM FLORIDA TO MISSOURI WITH MY BROTHER."
- EVELYN MCGLOSSON

"I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO FLORIDA AND IT GOT CANCELED AND I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT."
- SOPHIE BECKMAN



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CANCEL CULTURE

SPRING BREAK, BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MORE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

"MY FAMILY WAS GOING TO GO ON A CRUISE BEFORE THE CRUISE LINES WERE ALL SUSPENDED."
- ETHAN PETERSON

Seaside Beach, popular Florida spring break destination for Kirkwood families and students, will close to the public March 16 at 5 p.m. Many people have continued their vacation plans even with strong recommendations against travel and social events. Celebrities such as Ariana Grande are making calls for youth to remain inside and practice social distancing even if they are not as susceptible to COVID-19. President Trump also released national guidelines Monday recommending no gatherings of 10 or more people. Some KHS students are booking early flights home from their travel destinations or cancelling trips completely.

Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) announced Monday morning that Class 4 and 5 basketball semifinals and championships are canceled. Kirkwood girls' varsity will no longer play Blue Springs in the semifinals on Friday, March 20.

Track practice will resume April 6, head track coach Roberta McWoods announced with Corey Nesslage, athletics director, in a text sent to all track athletes Monday morning. However, according to a statement released by MSHSAA, all games and practices are canceled as long as school is closed. MSHSAA does not currently plan to cancel spring sport championships. They may be pushed back into June as post-season championships.

Dr. Michele Condon, KSD Superintendent, sent an all-staff email Monday afternoon regarding building access, instruction and support. Staff will be allowed to pick up personal items during the day Tuesday, March 17, but there will be no building access after 3 p.m. In the email, Dr. Condon provided a link to Kirkwood's COVID-19 website. She also attached a form for organizations and individuals to fill out if they would like to assist students and families in need. The district is still coordinating how to help families whose children qualify for free and reduced lunch. Dr. Condon also provided a spreadsheet with outlines for K-5 online schooling.

Local businesses and stores are also taking steps to limit the effects of coronavirus in the community. According to Amigos Cantina's Twitter, they will still be offering dine-in service with accommodations to social distancing recommendations. Grocery stores such as Dierbergs and Target are placing limitations on cleaning, sanitary and grocery items in customer orders. Schnucks is also no longer offering in-store samples.

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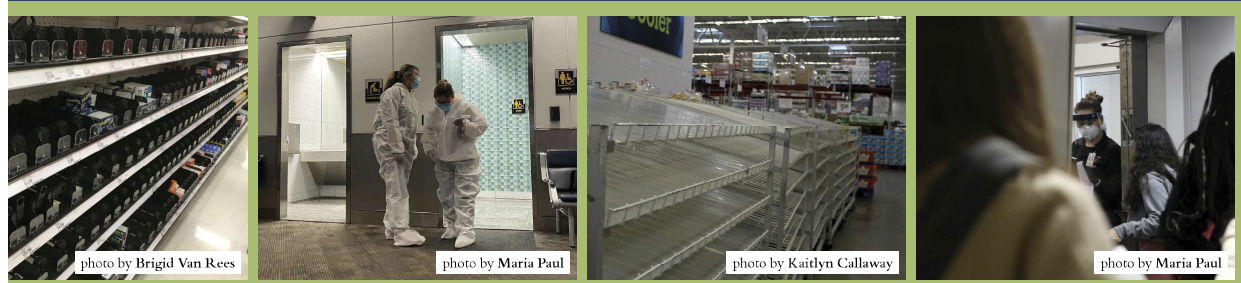


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"I THINK THAT THIS WHOLE THING STRESSES MY FAMILY OUT. THANKFULLY, WE ARE ABLE TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE AND HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES AND SUCH. MY DAD JUST GOT A HIP SURGERY THOUGH, SO HIS IMMUNE SYSTEM ISN'T THE BEST RIGHT NOW. MY SISTER, BROTHER AND I HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFUL AROUND HIM AND KEEPING THINGS CLEAN. I THINK IT'S JUST SORT OF STRESSFUL, BORING AND DEPRESSING FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE TO BE HOME MOST OF THE TIME. WE DO ENJOY HANGING OUT WITH EACH OTHER THOUGH." -LAUREN FISCHER

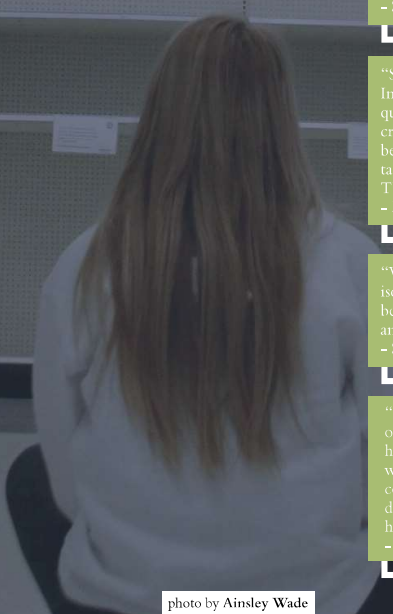


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QUARENTEENS

"We're doing yoga as a family and I think it's funny [imagining] my brother and dad doing yoga."
- Sarah Musson

"It's been overall positive, it's helped reduce my stress and spend more time with my family and calling my friends. The thought of getting COVID-19 is stressful because my dad has no immune system, but since we are in quarantine we should hopefully be okay."
- Rowan Burba

"Since we are now living in Innsbrook, we are pretty much quarantined because it's not a crowded area. To pass the time I've been working out, watching Tik Tok, taking extra showers and watching TV."
- Molly Lampitt

"COVID-19 and the quarantine has made me so bored because everything is closed and all my friends can't do anything either, so I'm stuck at my house. I've been doing small projects to keep me busy like paint by number and I crocheted a blanket. I've also gone through a lot of Netflix shows and movies. It has made me more creative around the house and has led me to try so many new things."
- Danielle Wood

"Well I'm in quarantine, I'm in isolation in my own home. We've been stocking up on bottled water and canned food to be prepared."
- Seth Heefner

"I help run a summer camp and originally we were planning on having a staff development this last weekend but we canceled that due to coronavirus. I also came home two days early from spring break and I haven't left my house in four days."
- Sam Bliss

"Personally quarantine has been hard for me [because] there's not much to do to keep me entertained. Plus, my family is really annoying."
- Jack Losse

"I was afraid. I was just watching the news and I think we have like eight deaths and like 1,000 cases. I think they just found 100 new cases today. I just remember that the Villa one was obviously bad, but I remember the case that was after that. My mom works in the medical profession and she connects with doctors all day. I remember she was supposed to go to work one day and I think it was out in Ladue and I was like 'Mom, I don't think you should go to work today,' and she was like 'Yeah, I guess I'll just work from home,' so she worked from home. Then later we ended up watching the news and [at] the hospital she was supposed to go to, someone got confirmed there that day. With my mom being in that profession where her job is to go out to offices to connect doctors, it's scary. I've told her she has to stay home now because I won't let her do that. But it's scary, with all the new cases coming up from those locations."
- Sophia Zimmerman

STUDENTS REFLECT ON HOW COVID-19 AND QUARANTINE AFFECTED THEM AND THEIR HOME LIVES

"My dad has to work at home now and he sits in his office on his laptop all day from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. talking on the phone with his co-workers. Hearing him stresses me out. He is the calmest person I've ever known and hearing him angry makes me upset. My mom can't go and help my grandmother anymore. The best that she can do is FaceTime my grandmother's assistant personnel and talk to both her and my grandmother there. My sister got a notice to pack up her dorm and evacuate immediately. She's now stuck at home with little sign of school opening back up."
- Bella Battista

"I can tell you that my family loves each other a lot more than before."
- Leo Barton

HOW TO STAY SANE IN ISOLATION

First, it's important to understand that preventative measures like isolation, social distancing and event cancellations are inconvenient for everyone, but should be taken seriously. While you may not be at high-risk, protect the elderly, the immunocompromised, pregnant women, infants and other at-risk members of your community by taking measures to limit spread of the virus. Second, keep your situation in perspective. Yes, it's a bummer that your spring break plans may have been cut short, but be grateful for your health and safety.
story by Lily Bartin, art by Audrey Blaine

CREATE A ROUTINE	CATCH UP ON WORK	COOK OR BAKE	CLEAN OR TIDY UP
SLEEP, BUT NOT TOO MUCH	LIMIT SCREEN-TIME	GET SOME EXERCISE	REACH OUT TO FRIENDS

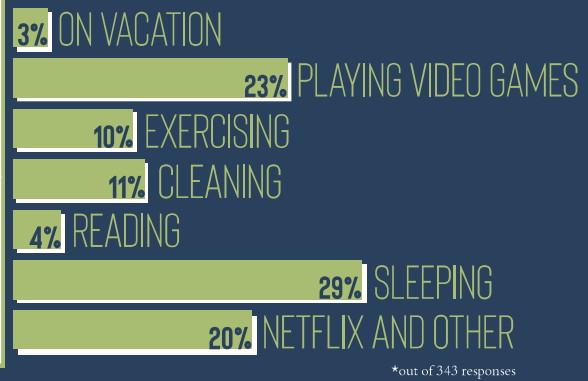
THE QUARANTINE ESSENTIALS

STUDENTS PREPARED FOR THE QUARANTINE BY STOCKING UP ON ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- 54% STOCKED UP ON TOILET PAPER
- 42% STOCKED UP ON PAPER TOWELS
- 26% STOCKED UP ON DRY DRY GOODS
- 37% STOCKED UP ON HAND SANITIZER
- 48% STOCKED UP ON HAND SOAP
- 70% STOCKED UP ON MEAT AND PRODUCE
- 62% STOCKED UP ON MILK AND BEVERAGES
- 36% STOCKED UP ON GENERIC MEDICATIONS

*out of 350 responses

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN SPENDING YOUR TIME IN QUARANTINE?



THE NHL SUSPENDED THEIR SEASON. THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WAS CANCELED. DISNEYLAND ANAHEIM CLOSED FOR THE REST OF MARCH.	NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP. ST. LOUIS COUNTY BANNED GATHERINGS OF 250+ PEOPLE.	TRUMP EXPANDED TRAVEL BAN TO THE U.K. AND IRELAND. FRANCE AND SPAIN ANNOUNCED PARTIAL LOCKDOWNS. DEMOCRATS AND THE WHITE HOUSE REACHED A DEAL ON AN ECONOMIC RELIEF BILL.
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MARCH 12

MARCH 13

MARCH 14

KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD CLOSE STARTING MARCH 18. THE CDC URGED FOR GATHERINGS OF NO MORE THAN 50.

MARCH 15

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MARCH 16-19

"I'M PRETTY UPSET. IT'S SENIOR MAG, IT'S KIND OF LIKE HOW SPORTS HAVE THEIR SENIOR DAY, SO THAT'S UPSETTING. FOR OUR RECENT ISSUE, I WAS SO UPSET ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I WROTE ONE OF MY BEST STORIES IN THERE AND I WAS SO EXCITED FOR PEOPLE TO SEE IT AT SCHOOL. A LOT OF PEOPLE WORKED REALLY HARD AND WROTE SOME OF THE BEST STORIES I'VE EVER LOOKED THROUGH, SO IT'S KIND OF DISAPPOINTING THAT THIS IS THE WAY WE HAVE TO DISTRIBUTE IT. BUT HONESTLY, I'M SO THANKFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT PARTNERED WITH US AND LET US DISTRIBUTE THEM AND THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO CAME AND PICKED THEM UP. PEOPLE WORKED HARD TO GET THEM THERE AS WELL, SO THAT'S REALLY AMAZING. THERE'S A BRIGHTSIDE TO IT SINCE WE MANAGED TO GET THEM OUT." - KIDEN SMITH

"I HONESTLY THINK THIS COULD GO REALLY GOOD OR REALLY BAD. THE FORMAT OF HAVING TO WORK ONLINE ISN'T IDEAL, AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW PREPARED I FEEL AND HOW PREPARED THE TEACHERS FEEL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET A LOT OF WARNING FOR THIS. THEY JUST KIND OF HAD IT SUDDENLY, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THE ONLINE SYSTEM IS GOING TO WORK. I THINK IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE FIND OUT." - SEBASTIAN DAVIES-SIGMUND

"NOW THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO APPRECIATE IT MORE." - KEZIAH SMITH

"THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT IS USUALLY A VERY LOUD CROWD IF YOU PUT US ALL TOGETHER. WE JOKE, WE LAUGH, WE GIGGLE AND SCREAM AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT THE ROOM WAS DEAD SILENT. IT'S A NIGHTMARE TO HEAR YOUR SHOW IS GOING TO BE CANCELED, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SENIORS BECAUSE IT'S OUR LAST SHOW. WE'VE GIVEN OUR HEARTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR FOUR YEARS. I WAS TALKING TO SOME OF THE OTHER SENIORS WHO SAID THEY COULDN'T DO IT IF IT WERE MOVED TO THE SUMMER. PEOPLE HAVE COLLEGE VISITS, (AND) MY ONE FRIEND ACTUALLY HAD OTHER AUDITIONS FOR SHOWS SHE APPLIED FOR. IT WAS HEARTBREAKING TO THINK ABOUT HOW YOU PUT ALL OF THIS WORK INTO SOMETHING AND IT JUST GETS CANCELED AND IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL." - CLAIRE STEVENER

"RIGHT BEFORE SPRING BREAK, WE WERE AT PRACTICE, AND THEY CALLED US OVER. THEY TOLD US THAT IF SCHOOL GETS CANCELED, THE MUSICAL WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO GET PUSHED BACK. NOW IT OBVIOUSLY IS GOING TO GET PUSHED BACK BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL." - JAKE MEYER

"I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. I LOVE THAT WE GET TO STAY AT HOME (AND) I LOVE THAT IT'S ONLINE. I THINK FOR ME IT WOULD JUST BE EASIER. IF I LIKE IT, I THINK (MAYBE) THE SCHOOL WILL CONSIDER DOING MORE OF IT. IF THERE IS EVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS THAT HAPPENS AGAIN OR IF SOMETHING THAT IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS THIS, I HOPE THE SCHOOL CONSIDERS DOING THIS IF A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE IT." - ADDIE MCCANDLESS

Dr. Michelle Condon, KSD superintendent, sent an email showcasing the school district's plan in response to COVID-19 March 19. As of now, KSD will resume school Tuesday, March 24. KSD advises families to contact the school office if plans have been made to travel outside the U.S., since it is considered high-risk travel. Plans have been submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that, in the case of school cancellations, integrate "e-learning" days (in which students will complete all classwork online) in order to maintain state requirements for attendance. During spring break, the district will continue preparation for online learning, and will update students and staff when necessary. copy courtesy of Sophie Chappell, photo courtesy of Olivia Silvey



THE KENTUCKY DERBY WAS POSTPONED. MSHSAA CANCELED THE STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. BILLIE ELISH POSTPONED MARCH & APRIL TOUR DATES.

ST. LOUIS RESTAURANTS AND BARS TRANSITIONED INTO DELIVERY AND TO-GO SALES ONLY. DEATHS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE U.S. ROSE PAST 100.

THE SENATE PASSED AND SIGNED INTO LAW A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE. TOTAL OF 24 CONFIRMED CASES IN MISSOURI. FIRST CORONAVIRUS DEATH RECORDED IN MISSOURI.

NETFLIX AND THE EU WERE IN COMMUNICATION TO DROP HD VIDEO AS CORONAVIRUS BINGE WATCHING STRAINED THE INTERNET. GASOLINE HIT 99 CENTS A GALLON AT A KENTUCKY GAS STATION. PRINCE ALBERT OF MONACO TESTED POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS. ITALY'S CORONAVIRUS DEATH TOLL REACHED 3,405, THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD. A LEVEL 4 TRAVEL ADVISORY WAS ISSUED ABOUT FOREIGN TRAVEL. 102.5 KEZK BEGAN "CHRISTMAS IN MARCH" TO RAISE SPIRITS DURING QUARANTINE

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MARCH 20-27

LONG LOCKDOWN SHORT SEASONS

REESE HOGAN, FOURTH GRADE STUDENT AT KEYSOR ELEMENTARY, WAS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

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After returning from a trip to London over spring break, Reese Hogan developed a 100.9-degree fever for over 24 hours, which led the family to get tested at the Chesterfield Mercy drive-through clinic. Riley Hogan, Reese's sister and KHS junior, said the family is taking precautions to prevent the virus from spreading. "We've been in isolation for over a week and will be for another week," Riley said. "[Although only Reese was tested], we were told to act [as] we have it but no one else at home has [severe] symptoms. Our family is choosing not to panic, play it safe and find creative ways to have fun together at home. I miss hanging out with my friends the most but [am] looking forward to being with them when this is all over."

NORA CARMODY, KHS GRAD, DID NOT EXPECT A POSITIVE TEST RESULT MARCH 27

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"Every time I eat with my family they have to sit at the opposite ends of the table. Any time I go anywhere my parents disinfect it after," Nora Carmody said. "I am not allowed in certain parts of the house. It has been difficult not being able to be in the same parts of the house as family members, like my living room or kitchen." Nora said the most frightening part about the coronavirus was the unknown about the disease and the lack of cure for it. "I feel like most people who are not really taking it seriously and just carrying on with their regular lives are young people. What young people aren't getting is that they are not going to be the ones primarily affected," Nora said. "It's the fact that they can get it and pass it on to older people or [people with] autoimmune diseases without even knowing it."

"IT'S SO WEIRD NOT RUNNING AND GIVING YOUR LAST BREATH IN A WORKOUT. [NOT] HANGING WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AND CATCHING UP ON EVERYTHING, BUT AT THE SAME TIME GIVING YOUR ALL SO THAT YOU CAN BECOME BETTER. SICKNESS IS A BIG DEAL AND IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. HOWEVER, I KNOW THAT A LOT OF SENIORS WON'T GET TO SEE THEIR FRIENDS ANYMORE AND WON'T GET TO COMPETE ANYMORE."
- KENNEDY MULVANEY

"I AM TYPICALLY A VERY ACTIVE AND BUSY PERSON, SO BEING AT HOME ALL THE TIME WAS A LOT TO ADAPT TO. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS ALL HAPPENING DURING MY DANCE COMPETITION SEASON FOR DANCE, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR SINCE JULY. I MAINLY JUST TRY TO KEEP MYSELF POSITIVE AND ACTIVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. IT IS REALLY CHALLENGING ADAPTING TO DANCE CLASS ON ZOOM AND ONLINE SCHOOL."
- LILY VERRILL

"WHEN IT FIRST STARTED AND IT WAS LIMITED FANS I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF ANNOYING, BUT WE WOULD STILL PLAY THROUGH IT BUT THEN WHEN I HAD LEARNED WE HAD MADE IT TO THE FINAL FOUR AND WE COULDN'T PLAY IT WAS REALLY UPSETTING AT FIRST BECAUSE WE HAD PUT SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT IN THIS JUST FOR IT TO BE CUT SHORT BY SOMETHING WE COULDN'T CONTROL, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS GOING TO BE OUR LAST GAME."
- TARA BENHAM

"IT IS JUST REALLY DISAPPOINTING SEEING HOW THE HARD WORK MYSELF AND OTHERS PUT IN OVER THE OFFSEASON IS GOING TO WASTE BECAUSE OF CANCELLATIONS."
- JAMES MURRAY

"IT HASN'T BEEN CANCELLED YET, BUT MY COMPETITIONS WILL PROBABLY BE CANCELLED. IT'S FRUSTRATING BECAUSE YOU WORK THE WHOLE YEAR TO DANCE AT FIVE OR SIX COMPETITIONS, FOR THOSE TO BE CANCELLED WOULD BE REALLY DISAPPOINTING, ESPECIALLY FOR UPPERCLASSMEN AND SENIORS. ALSO, I CAN'T GO TO DANCE CLASS ANYMORE AND OUR RECITAL COULD BE CANCELLED TOO."
- CAROLINE STEIDLEY

"THE MASSIVE CLOSURES OF MOST THINGS HAVE IMPACTED MY FAMILY TREMENDOUSLY. BOTH MY DAD AND MY SISTER WORK IN THE FOOD BUSINESS, SO WHEN THE COVID-19 CAME IT FORCED THEIR COMPANIES TO LET THEM GO. MY MOTHER WORKS IN EVENT PLANNING FOR A TRAVEL AGENCY, SO WHEN THE EVENT GOT CANCELLED SHE WAS LET GO AS WELL. THANK GOODNESS THEY BOTH HAVE ANOTHER JOB OR WE WOULD'VE LOST ALL OUR CONNECTIONS TO INCOME. WITH BOTH OF MY PARENTS WORKING STILL, I HAVE HAD TO STEP UP AROUND THE HOUSE. SOMETIMES I WOULD MAKE MY LITTLE SISTER MEALS OR HELP CLEAN AROUND THE HOUSE. I HAVE ALSO HAD TO TAKE CARE OF MY TWO DOGS. THEY ARE GETTING A LOT OF WALKS THESE DAYS."
- BROOKE BENDOFF

"I WAS REALLY EXCITED FOR TRACK, AND BEING CAPTAIN. I WORKED REALLY HARD TO HAVE A GOOD SENIOR YEAR, AND THEN IT GOT ALL STRIPPED AWAY WITHOUT ME HAVING ANY CONTROL."
- MYCHAL KERNAN

"IT'S JUST DEVASTATING TO SAY THE LEAST. WE WORKED SO HARD THROUGHOUT THE SEASON AND ESPECIALLY POSTSEASON TO GET TO OUR ULTIMATE GOAL WHICH WAS STATE AND FOR IT TO BE CANCELLED, IT HURTS. IT WAS DEFINITELY A FUN RIDE, ALL LOVE FOR MY OTHER SENIORS ESPECIALLY AND THE REST OF THE (BASKETBALL) TEAM."
- RYLEE MULVANEY

"CURRENTLY, WE ARE ON LOCKDOWN AND I CAN'T PLAY ANY OF MY SPORTS THAT I'M PLAYING. I JUST MADE THE LACROSSE TEAM AND WE ONLY HAD TWO PRACTICES BEFORE IT GOT CANCELLED."
- LILA SHEPARD

"BOTH MY PARENTS HAVE TO WORK FROM HOME NOW AND MY JOB HAS CLOSED, SO IT'S BEEN KIND OF WEIRD STAYING HOME."
- MEGAN HUEY

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR PLACED THE STATE UNDER LOCKDOWN, ORDERING 40 MILLION PEOPLE TO STAY HOME. AN NBC NEWS EMPLOYEE DIED AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS. THE U.S. TAX FILING DEADLINE WAS MOVED TO JULY 15. 100% OF THE NON-ESSENTIAL NEW YORK WORKFORCE MUST STAY HOME. MEXICO BORDER CLOSED TO ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL.

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AND HIS WIFE KAREN TESTED NEGATIVE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS.
PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON LOCKED BRITAIN DOWN DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.

THE TOKYO OLYMPICS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 DUE TO CORONAVIRUS. INDIA ANNOUNCED A 21-DAY LOCKDOWN.

PRINCE CHARLES, 71-YEAR-OLD HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE, WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CORONAVIRUS.
THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 28 SHOWS A RECORD 3.3 MILLION AMERICANS FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT. THE SENATE PASSED A HISTORIC \$2 TRILLION STIMULUS PLAN, MOVING FOR A HOUSE VOTE ON FRIDAY. THE U.S. HAS OVERTAKEN CHINA AS THE COUNTRY WITH THE MOST INFECTIONS. KSD STARTS E-LEARNING.

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, BORIS JOHNSON, TESTS POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS.

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THE LONG LOST

"I would be devastated if the rest of my senior year ended early because this is supposed to be the best part of high school with senior prom and graduation. I know my grade and I have worked hard to get to this point. It would be super sad to not be able to have those things."
- Mary McDowell

"As for the statewide lockdown, I'm kind of upset about it because there goes my prom. You don't really realize you have all of these things until you are a senior. I've been at Kirkwood for 12 years and I've waited for these things for 12 years, so it's not just prom, it's not just graduation, it's those last memories I have with the people I spent 12 years with. I want my senior year back."
- Anna Smith

"I was really upset about how we might not be able to have graduation or prom and end senior year on a good note. But now that Townsend has reached out to all of the seniors, they're making graduation and prom work. I think that really helps me stay positive and I know that everyone's trying their best to stay away from everybody. It's happening to everybody and not just me and the people around me."
- Grace Murphy

"I think [my classmates] are handling the situation just as I am because we are freshmen and it's not like it's our last year, so we might not be that devastated by it. But for the seniors, I really couldn't imagine not being able to enjoy your last semester of high school."
- Gwen Tilly

"I'm really sad to have to leave already because discovering the United States has always been my dream and I am going to miss out on prom, graduation, lacrosse season and multiple trips. I am not ready to leave Kirkwood and all of the great people I've met this year."
- Anne Gevisier

"I'd say that the biggest impact that the virus has made on me is that, in a sense, I've had a lot of grief in my last year of high school. I thought that I would have a traditional end to my senior year. For me, I knew that I would be leaving a lot of activities and communities when I graduated, so I thought that April was the month where I was going to have a proper closing and proper goodbye to all of my activities and extracurriculars. Obviously that's not going to plan. Now, I have been healing in the fact that I'm not going to get the traditional closing that I thought I was, but at the same time if all that I'm grieving for at this point is the end of my senior year then I'm in a pretty good position. There are a lot of people who are having to worry about food or money, or family members dying and getting sick, so I feel I'm pretty lucky."
- Ally Ortmann

ENDING

STUDENTS REFLECT ON THE IMPACT THAT COVID-19 HAD ON THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND, FOR SOME, THE END OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS

*"IT TOOK MY AWHILE TO INTERNALIZE WHAT ALL THIS MEANT FOR THE END OF OUR YEAR. I THINK THROUGHOUT SENIOR YEAR I'VE REFLECTED ON MY TIME AT KIRKWOOD AND WHAT IT HAS TAKEN TO REACH THIS POSITION AND IT WOULD HAVE MEAN EVERYTHING TO RECOGNIZE ALL THAT WORK WITH WALKING ACROSS THE STAGE AT GRADUATION. HOWEVER, I KNOW A CANCELED GRADUATION IS NOT THE BIGGEST ISSUE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW AND I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A DEDICATED ADMINISTRATION THAT PROMISES TO GET US A GRADUATION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL TO HAVE FRIENDS THAT ARE WILLING TO PUT IN EFFORT OVER THE SUMMER TO CREATE MEMORIES LIKE A SENIOR PROM AFTER ALL OF THE SCHOOL YEAR INTERRUPTIONS."
- ELSA CHURCH*

AND BEYOND

THE NEW VIRTUAL REALITY

AS A RESULT OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC, STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE NEW ONLINE REALITY OF STANDARDIZED TESTS

"I was very upset about the April ACT being canceled. It takes away an additional opportunity to raise my score. I really wish the ACT would have figured out a way to still have the test and keep everyone safe."
- Cole Witte

"I don't know how they are going to prevent cheating, first of all, since it's an online test. I'm also unsure about how it's going to work with some of my classes like AP Spanish, because originally we were going to have a speaking portion, which can't happen. We've been preparing for this specific version of the test for the whole year, and now, all of that is kind of thrown out the window. At the same time, everyone else kind of has that same disadvantage too. I almost think that they may grade it easier just because there are so many variables. I'm not super stressed, but we'll see."
- Ethan Peter

"I am kind of 50/50 about it. I am really upset about the ACT getting canceled though because I want to play lacrosse in college and not being able to take the ACT, but I need to, is really throwing things for a loop because when I need to apply to be committed to these colleges and actually put the next step in the door to commit to a college is put on hold right now. And everything is put on hold, so I don't need to victimize myself in a sense with it."
- Ally Wallingsford

"I have my conspiracy theories about what the College Board is cooking up right now. With AP tests, the Spanish AP test is already kind of funky because you have to record yourself talking for part of it, then write an informal letter and then there is multiple choice. It covers speaking too, whereas Lit and Lang are multiple choice and then writing. Calc is also going to be weird because where you show work is important, too, so I don't know how that is going to work online. Bio is supposed to be [a] free response which is tough [because] I'm not really all that great at that. A lot of stuff is up in the air. Personally, I think that if [the College Board is] going to cancel their stuff, they are holding out right now. They don't want to cancel it because they know that students across the nation are just going to give up in AP classes. They have published some adjustments that they are not going to test over units that have not been covered yet. I think that the College Board is going to cancel it because there's kids without wifi and I can't imagine them actually taking \$90 a test for whatever wimpy thing they are going to provide."
- Naomi Thomson

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