

My experience during this pandemic has been very different than anything I have experienced in my entire life. This pandemic has shown how much we need to value our lives and how important it is to wear a mask. March 2020 till now has honestly changed my life entirely. In order to protect ourselves and our community, we have all been staying at home, wearing masks in public places, and practicing social distancing of six feet apart from others. I honestly didn't imagine that this would have grown to what it was today in such a short period of time. The second we got hit with the first case in this country was when everything spiraled out of control. People started panic buying foods, alcohol wipes were completely gone, toilet paper and paper towels were wiped out in all the stores and so much more. I had just started my second to last semester at SJSU when we had to move permanently for the semester to remote learning. It was a bit of a weird adjustment, but personally for me I didn't mind much with the sudden change. So many changes since then has been made in order to keep us all safe. I think the hardest part was not being able to live life as comfortable as I once did. I wasn't able to see my close friends and family as often or even at all. Most food places only did take out so nobody was allowed to go and dine in for any restaurants.

In order to cope with my emotions, I did pick up a lot of hobbies during quarantine and throughout this whole pandemic which I am grateful for. I learned to love going on walks with my dogs, I've picked up painting, and I started to do bullet journaling. It hurt a lot knowing my final semester at SJSU was not going to have a graduation but rather virtually. It felt like all my hard work led up to this very moment and I wasn't able to actually walk across the stage like I envisioned. Though things are hard right now, I know that everything is going to be okay in the near future again.