



## **WHEN YOU FIND OUT YOUR NORMAL DAILY LIFESTYLE IS CALLED 'QUARANTINE'**



**Self Reflection on covid-19 Pandemic by: Logan Huneycutt**

Covid-19 started back in 2019 at the start of my freshman year here at East Carolina University. While I was back home for spring break ECU announced that freshmen had to come back and pack up our dorm rooms due to covid-19. At this point everyone had to wear masks everywhere and I think most people were either confused or scared about the pandemic that was about to happen. I chose this meme because I've been in quarantine many times since 2019. A lot of people, including myself, had this thought from the meme. Like we actually have to sit in our house or apartment and not socially interact with anyone face to face. Quarantine actually became my daily lifestyle just like many others in the world. Sophomore year of college was even worse. Transition to learning online was really annoying for me. I needed to be in person with my professor to actually learn something. I didn't understand anything in my classes because I couldn't learn through a computer screen. Currently in 2022 I've never had a positive test for covid-19, so I can't give my own personal experience on having covid. I had to be quarantined so many times just because I was around someone with it. My girlfriend was one of the first people I saw get sick from covid-19 and she honestly scared me. At first she had a really

bad fever and headache, but the next day lost her taste and smell. Day three of her being sick she got a lot better. At this point the only thing she wanted to do was stay in her apartment and sleep all day. She had absolutely no energy for anything. So, Netflix was a major part of keeping her occupied. I'm not even lying she watched all 18 seasons of Grey's Anatomy in about a week and a half. The things I did while in quarantine was just play video games. I honestly didn't know what to do with myself. Due to self quaranting my mental and emotional health was affected. I hated my apartment building that I was stuck in for several weeks. Our upstairs neighbors left either their sink or bath running for too long and ended up flooding our living room of the apartment. This happened around midnight and we couldn't get help for hours. We had to call the fire department due to our neighbors and the management of the apartments wouldn't even answer the phone. Whoever is reading this I will only say this once. Don't ever live at The Bower next to minges stadium. The last topic I want to talk about is how covid affects people with jobs. My roommate at the time worked at a restaurant in greenville. They ended up having to close down and he could barely afford his rent. If Doordash or Grubhun didn't exist he wouldn't have been able to afford it. This is also something I did on the side not only for money but just because I was so bored and didn't have anything else to do. As I'm currently writing this covid-19 has slowed down a bit. We have vaccines, which is a whole other topic of discussion but has helped a lot through the pandemic. Other variants of covid have become a thing, but I just hope this pandemic ends soon. It really has been rough for everyone these past couple of years.