

Hi, my name is Katie and I am an 8th-grade student in Colorado. Today is May 5th, 2020, and I and my fellow peers have been taking online school for 6 weeks due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

I remember at the beginning of March I went on to my browser to check my grades. Out of the corner of my eye, I spot an article with the title "The plague?" like all other news articles I ignored thinking it was some overdramatic reporter needing something to write about. The next day I heard some boys talking about it in the hall. Soon enough death tolls rose across the sea and along with the news reports in the US about "The Coronavirus". A couple of weeks pass and schools start to close. Of course, it was the talk of the hall whether ours were, and our school doesn't even close for 2 to 3 feet of snow. So why would they close for this? The Thursday before spring break they announce that we will be moving to online schools the week after break. YA, We all thought we would be back after that week or one more at most. But some those 2 weeks turned into a month and then two months, and here we are.

The first online schooling was fun, new. But know? It took a while for both the students and teachers to get the hang of it. Most of my teachers have a folder a day and use a Google form to take attendance. We have to vary a few tests, and if we do it also in the Google form. I am currently doing better than I have all year, and honestly, I think it's because most of the points are completion points. It doesn't take me 6 hours to do all my school work for the day. It takes me about 3 depending on the day. Sometimes my teachers give us weekly assignments for I get all of those done on Monday so the rest of the week I have more time. I try to take breaks but I find it easier to just get it done. But there are other people like my friend who procrastinates all of it till 2 pm. Ow, and our work is due at 2:50 pm. To work I sit at the kitchen table and I have a bin of school stuff like my binders, not books, books, pencils, and stuff like that (they had us take whatever we needed before we left).

The rest of the day I work on projects. My parents said that when I go to high school I could move to the basement so I spent 2 weeks on a mattress in the basement while we moved the furniture from my room, my brother's room to my room, then the office to his old room, then my stuff to the office. Then it took another week to paint and get settled in. I also buy paint by numbers. I find this is a great way to pass the time after school. Although it takes twice as long to get here because of the number of packages delivered. I also make candles, rugs and I bake. BUt of course, I can't just do that. I usually watch Netflix or listen to music or a book at the same time.

Some noticed is that now that people have the time they are getting pets. One of my friends just got a puppy. And if you knew that she has been asking for a puppy for years you would know that this is a big deal. IN the past I have had a lot of pets, I mean a lot. From dogs to hamsters, lizards, fish, tarantulas, crabs, the list goes on. SO it was not a surprise when we got ducklings. We have two, Daisy and Ben. We got them because we had chickens and they were not much different. THiar cute that cuddle and that follow you around. WHats not to love? Besides we have all this time.

My` daily routine is to sleep in about 9:30-10. Get up, mess around on the computer for a couple of minutes then do my school work. If it's Monday I get all the week-long assignments done. Once I'm done with school I go outside and play with the ducks until 3 that I either have online the interclass or I go do crafts or electronics. Then I turn them off at 8. And once

everyone goes to bed I turn them back on. And yes I eat. Over the day I only eat dinner because I snack heavily for the rest of the day.

Because I have no reason to, I don't get out of my PJs, but who does. I do not shower often but sometimes I get bored so I shower 2 a day. The room is either a complete mess or way to be cleaned to be lived in.

When all this started you did not know that you would be affected. Than theirs no school. Then your number gets sick, and then it gets real.