



### The Dining Room is Closed Until Further Notice

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and encourage social distancing, restaurants offer curbside delivery instead of people gathering in their dining rooms. Many fast-food restaurants become "drive-thru only," and food delivery services like Shipt, Uber Eats and Doordash put food on the table for many Americans during a period of self-isolation. Many students with part-time jobs in the food industry see their hours severely cut or their positions eliminated entirely.

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Hand sanitizer and face masks are in short supply when experts estimate that 40-70% of the population could become infected with COVID-19.

## DOMESTIC IMPACT

**COVID-19 causes everyone to take immediate, drastic measures to stop the spread of the virus, resulting in a temporary "new normal" for the foreseeable future.**

It's humans vs. virus in a global game of freeze-tag. The only way to stop the pandemic from overtaking the planet is to immediately isolate everyone until treatments and vaccines become available. This means everyone—regardless of age or level of health—has to shelter in place to avoid spreading the virus and overwhelming hospitals. Staying isolated means you won't give the virus to anyone, and you won't get the virus from anyone.

For many students this means long stretches of quality time at home with books, video games, creative outlets and social media. But for our families, there are very dire concerns about how much longer our parents will be employed. How will they make the house payment? How much longer can we afford to go without their paycheck? The US government begins discussing options for stimulus packages to address this growing concern.

*With 23 employees testing positive for the coronavirus, New York City's MTA has no choice but to cancel certain subway lines and more than 1,000 trips due to reduced staffing. This leads to packed platforms and overstuffed trains at a time when social distancing is our most important weapon against the spread of COVID-19.*



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### Any Empty Bed Could be a Hospital Bed

Communal living quarters are the worst places to be in a pandemic, but not if they can be used as makeshift hospitals. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers makes plans to convert more than 10,000 empty hotel and dorm rooms into hospital rooms in the hardest-hit areas of New York City, Washington and California.

### You Can't Spell "Pandemic" Without "Panic"

When the public is first made aware of the coronavirus, people begin to stockpile toilet paper for reasons that still aren't widely understood. And despite no major threat to the nation's supply chain, bread, bottled water, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer cannot stay on store shelves. Many retailers begin to limit the number of items a household can purchase.



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