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### A Carleton Student's Story

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So I guess starting with my immediate family...well it's been interesting having me and my brother home with both of my parents, all day long. It's definitely kind of strange to all of a sudden be like locked with our family. In a way, it's like kind of nice, especially with a dog, so it's like kind of, I guess in a way I'm thankful for like having time to spend with my family like since I'm going to graduate next year, it's kind of like this one final thing. So in that way, it's like kind of nice. It has been like extremely stressful, CNN basically is just on all the time which is hard and grocery shopping has become a real hassle so we just like order everything and wipe it all down and my mom, I guess in a good way, is really neurotic about it. And it's also hard because my dad has pre-existing conditions, so it's probably more likely than not that he would die if he got it. So we have to be really cautious and he feels like he's treated like a child basically when we were like you can't go outside, you can't just like go to the store and like get some chips or something like you can't go like walk around and talk to the neighbors, like you have to stay inside. And, I think he gets it, he just doesn't like that. Like especially for him like he would be more affected by it and so I think it's like hard for all of us to not be able to like do certain things that we want to do but I think especially for him because we're more worried about him. My grandma doesn't have cellphones or anything so she has like one landline phone and my mom delivers her her groceries which is fine with her anyways cause her husband's crazy. So my uncle who lives in Nice, France, he just found out he has a brain tumor so it's benign but it's in a spot where they can't really remove it because it's like connecting to a bunch of things and it could affect him in a lot of different ways. And so that's been like...it's...the nice part about it happening now is that my mom has been able to talk to him on the phone like a lot during the day like which works with the time difference and in the past like they don't really talk that much on the phone or anything and this has kind of like allowed them to talk a lot on the phone. But like the sad part is like he lives completely alone in an apartment...because France is probably enforcing but that's been hard to just think about he's more isolated from all his friends and family like way on the other side of the world dealing with this like horrible thing. So that's been like the situation with my family, I guess, overall.