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Well, my situation is quite a bit different, given that I'm still on campus. I will say that there are times when I just really really want to be at home just because I feel like my family's in a more precarious situation. You know, we live in Washington, and it's pretty bad there and yea sometimes I just feel kinda guilty, you know, that I'm not there to, you know, go through all of this with them, but I also realize that out of my best interest and for my family's best interest, the best idea was for me to stay. In terms of, I guess, based on personal conversations with my parents and sisters they are doing fine. I mean obviously when you live with so many people under the same roof things can get pretty tense sometimes, but up until now I think my family is doing okay through it. I know like at least my sister and my dad, my older sister and my dad, have, I think, they have gotten a little bit closer especially now even though my sister is working in the hospital still in New York and my dad's still working, now they are actually forced to spend more time together. But yea, my little sister is spending a lot of time with my older sister now too, that's been good to see. For me, I don't really,...I miss my family to the point that like sometimes I don't even feel like...I go days without really talking to them because I'm just so concerned about them all the time like it's just not healthy for me. So yea, I haven't called home the past three or four days. But, my mom says "no news is good news" and that's kind of the approach I'm taking. Well, I do check in with them at least twice a week.