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“In general, I am an only child so I’m a little bit more used to being alone like growing up and stuff. So, it’s a little bit less of an adjustment to be alone kind of a lot, especially since I would spend a lot of my summers like that. But, then like not having that break in between to see my friends is like just even longer stretches of being alone and it’s kind of like an extended [time] when I move to a new location. Because whenever I move, I don’t have friends yet and it will be a little bit until I have friends but right now it’s nobody here. I’m hanging out with my parents and I can Facetime all my friends and do the stuff but it’s just not the same. I love my parents, but I would definitely like to be at school (laugh). And I mean yea, I’m definitely very fortunate that I get to go outside a lot and I have like basically a nature reserve right next to me, so I can go and see all the deer and the geese and everything but it would be nice to do that with somebody that’s the same age as me. We facetime with my grandparents every Sunday to make sure that they’re still healthy and doing well. It would be really nice to see them. Yesterday was my grandfather’s birthday and my cousin and my uncle brought over tacos to their house and they ate across the sidewalk so that they could be socially distanced but still have tacos with them, and I thought that was adorable and I wish that I could have been a part of that. He’s eighty-three, and I want to make sure that they [grandparents] stay safe and healthy too which is just really nerve racking when the people you care about a lot are at super high risk. Then, you’re just like “well I can’t see you, and what if I don’t get to see you if you get sick,” so that’s hanging over my head a lot. Just taking it day by day is important.”