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Being forced to stay at home is extremely frustrating and personally difficult. At a time in my life where I was just beginning to feel independent and separate from my parents--which was already a difficult transition—I have to forfeit all of that. I can't simply live my own life and study on my own accord; the three other people in my house have to be taken into account. The transition was so sudden that I felt overwhelmed and awkward for several months. For me, being trapped at home has never been the primary issue. There's plenty to do, I easily keep myself occupied, I keep in frequent contact with friends, and I don't mind not traveling. Rather, the environment I'm trapped in is what's most difficult. I feel perpetually invaded and seldom have alone time, even if that's not the intent of others. Yes, spending time with family *can* be nice, but on top of everything else it's often just tiring. Moreover, although professors have been adjusting coursework and classes accordingly, they remain frustrating. Home life, chores, and mandatory family time take up a significant chunk of each day, and there's never really a place I feel I can work without being interrupted.