



Living in the new

It's unknown
how long people
must continue
living like this. Is
the new normal
temporary?

No one knows.
Slowly, a
resurgence of

people occupying space in bars and restaurants will
begin. Night life will come back and people will enjoy
existing in the presence of strangers and friends.
There'll be no masks in sight other than on the faces
of those few health-conscious individuals. Ideally, we
should keep wearing masks to protect each other
from all illnesses. Maybe when someone is sick, they'll
be smart enough to protect others by wearing one
Live music indoors will happen again and people will

dance in close proximity to one another. I'll feel
comfortable meeting up with new friends and be
able to hug my close ones even if I'm seeing my
parents in the next few days. I won't need to get
tested for a deadly virus before visiting my family.
People will gather in bookstores and coffee shops
once again. School will be held in classrooms and
not over glitching computer screens. I'll go to a bar
legally on my 21st birthday. Maybe I'll want to talk
to strangers without having awkward distance or
feeling uncomfortable that we might be standing
less than 6 feet apart. Working out at the gym
will feel safe again and people won't live such
sedentary lives. A lot of us spent the majority of
this year on our own, creating physical distance
between people we'd otherwise rely on for good
company. Now, it's about relying on the collective.
Everyone must do their part for until this is over.
Things will never be the same, but change within
our government, communities, and ourselves was
necessary since before 2020. This was just the
year that it all got uncovered for the world to see.

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