

My COVID-19 Life

A Class of 2020 Final Project

Overarching Theme: Describe the impacts of the emergence of Covid-19 on the world around you.

Final Product: Present your findings in any form – A paper, (Word or Google Doc, etc.) a presentation (Power Point or Prezi, etc.) a speech (live or recorded), a website or other online product, etc. You may complete another form of product with pre-approval.

Task List: Complete each of the tasks below to include in your final product.

1. **Start with some self-reflection** In a short paragraph (100-250 words), describe how you and your family are reacting to the current situation brought about by the emergence of the novel coronavirus.
2. **Research the virus** In a page (500 words) describe the discovery and emergence of the virus, its structure, how it impacts the human immune system, its symptoms and treatment options. **Add in a drawing, illustration, graphic, etc.**
3. **Check the facts & statistics** Create a fact sheet of statistics related to Covid-19. Your statistics should give information that compares various areas – world, U.S., Michigan, your home county. You should also compare Michigan to two other states. **Include at least one graphic representation of the information.**
4. **Examine the impact** In a page (500 words) research and explain the impact that Covid-19 is having on economics (stock market, supply-demand, unemployment, etc.), and culture (alternative face-to-face interactions, contact tracing in U.S. and in other countries, wearing masks, effects of social isolation, etc.). Compare the impact in the U.S. to the world or Michigan to another state.
5. **Consider historical precedence** In ½ page to a page (250-500 words) describe how the current situation compares to another “crisis situation” in U.S. history. How is it alike? How is it different? How did the historic crisis end? Will the same solutions or responses work with today’s situation?
6. **Scrutinize the “Big” Response** In ½ page to a page (250-500 words) describe how officials are responding to Covid-19. What are scientists and researchers doing to develop vaccines and treatments? What are government officials and leaders doing to provide relief? How does the U.S. response compare to other countries? How does Michigan’s response compare to other states?
7. **Observe the “Little” Response** In ½ page to a page (250-500 words) describe how “normal people” are responding to Covid-19. What are “everyday” people doing to help one another? What are some suggestions for dealing with the financial strain that Covid-19 is placing on families? What are some tips for dealing with the emotional and mental strain that Covid-19 is placing on individuals?
8. **Share the Resources** Make a table of 10-12 resources that people can turn to for information or help related to Covid-19. Include the name of the source (organization, company, title, etc.), how to contact (phone number or website), and a short summary of the information or help they can provide
9. **End with some self-reflection** You are now very informed; in a short paragraph (100-250 words) describe how your thoughts and feelings have changed as you gathered and considered information? What will you do to use this information? What will you do to respond to the current situation more positively? How can you help yourself, your family, your community?