



Negotiation Scenarios

Teaching Sex Ed Online

DIRECTIONS: Decide which of the following scenarios you will use with the participants, based on their ages/activities/struggles. Prepare to provide your chosen scenarios to the participants either by printing/copying/cutting and handing them out physically, copying and pasting them into a chat box, displaying them on a screen, or another preferred method. Participants will be more effective at roleplaying if they are able to read the scenario both before and during the roleplay.

FAMILY SCENARIOS

1. You are a middle schooler who is very nervous about the virus. Your parent said that you have to go to an indoor gathering with family members who are at all levels of social distancing and safety measures. This winter gathering will include a meal that you will be expected to engage in. Talk with your parent about your feelings.
(Two characters: main character and parent)
2. You are really careful about COVID risk, always wear a mask and keep a 6 foot distance, and when you see friends you always meet outside. This afternoon your brother had friends over in his room playing video games, yelling, and not wearing masks. You feel that your brother has put the rest of the family at risk. Bring up your concerns at dinner with your parent(s) and brother.
(Three or more characters: main character, brother, one or two parents, and other family members living in the home)

SCHOOL AND WORK SCENARIOS

3. You are a student at an in-person school with mask regulations. One of the most popular students, who always gets to do whatever they want, and who has said that masks are stupid and don't work, has their mask pulled down below their nose while inside your classroom. The teacher is ignoring it and just teaching anyway, although you're sure that they have noticed. Pick who you want to talk with (the student, the teacher, an administrator, someone else?), tell your roleplay partner(s) who they are, and talk about the issue.
(Two or more characters: main character and at least one other person, possibly including the student not wearing a mask, the teacher ignoring the student not wearing a mask, an administrator, or some combination of the above)
4. You are on a bus with your teammates on the way back to school after a tournament. Everyone is supposed to wear a mask when they aren't actively playing, but everyone is tired and lots of your teammates are falling asleep and their masks are falling off. Your coach isn't paying attention. Bring the issue to your coach's attention and, when they shrug it off, convince the coach to step in and do something.
(Two characters: main character and coach)

5. The fast food joint where you work has a strict mask wearing and eating outside policy that you and your coworkers have gotten accustomed to enforcing with patrons. It is this policy that makes you feel comfortable coming to work. Two of your coworkers are dating. You are friends with both of them. One day you walk into the back room to find them maskless, making out. They stop as soon as you come in, but they don't put their masks back on and they go back to making out as you leave. When the coworker who you are closest to comes back from their break, talk with them about your discomfort.
(Two characters: main character and friend/coworker.)

FRIEND AND PEER SCENARIOS

6. A friend invited you to a party at someone else's house. You aren't supposed to go to big gatherings, but since your friend assured you that everyone would be wearing masks, you think just this once it won't be a problem—and no one would have to know. Your friend drove you both to the party. After not going to any parties for so long, it sounds awesome to actually be around lots of people again! But when you get there, only a few kids are actually wearing masks. Your friend takes theirs off and stuffs it into their back pocket as you're walking up to the house. When you ask them about it, they kind of shrug and say that since no one else is wearing one, it's probably fine not to. Your parent is at high risk for COVID and so you know that it most definitely is a big deal. Your friend disappears into the house right away. You stay outside, figuring it's safer. But soon everyone else also goes inside and you're outside alone. Call your parent and ask them to come pick you up. Role play your conversation as you drive home.
(Two characters: main character and parent)
7. You see a group of your friends hanging out with masks on, outside a convenience store. As you walk closer you notice they are vaping, and sharing the vape after pulling their mask down slightly. You walk up and someone offers it to you.
(Three or more characters: main character and two or more friends)
8. You agree to be in a "germ bubble" with a friend who lives with an immune compromised family, so they are much more isolated than others. You have an exposure due to being spontaneous and jumping in another friend's car without a mask to listen to music. After you jump out, you remember that you are supposed to hang out with your germ bubble friend tomorrow. Now you have to tell them what happened and must take a 2 week break, but you are embarrassed.
(Two characters: main character and germ bubble friend)
9. A friend asked to come over to your house to watch a movie while your parents are away. You haven't had anyone over since COVID began, and the rules are that you're not supposed to. But your friend is really excited and you miss them a lot. Talk with them about your social distance priorities.
(Two characters: main character and friend)

ROMANTIC/SEXUAL SCENARIOS

10. You are attending in-person school and you have really hit it off with a new student. You're enjoying eachothers' company and have been flirting every day. You share contact information on social media accounts and as soon as you see pictures of the person without their mask on, you realize that you don't find them attractive. But you do still want to be their friend. Let them know that your feelings have changed in a way that is kind, clear, and hopefully gives you a chance for friendship.
(Two characters: main character and potential romantic interest)
11. You started dating someone during quarantine, entirely digitally. You knew them before quarantine, but you started to get close after schools closed. It's been months with just talking on social media and video, and you finally have a chance to hang out in person by going on a walk. You've both promised your parents that you'll wear masks the whole time. You do hold hands, and it's really amazing. The second time you hang out, you really want to kiss this person. They ask if they can kiss you with your masks on. How do you respond?
(Two characters: main character and romantic interest)

STRANGER SCENARIOS

12. You are on public transportation, which requires that all people wear masks. It's a busy time and people are closer to each other than you feel comfortable with. An older adult behind has their mask pulled down and is looking out the window. Say something to them.
(Two characters: main character and older adult)
13. You're at a grocery store and three younger kids, probably around 10 you guess, come down the aisle towards you. None of them are wearing masks. You know that in your area kids younger than 10 aren't required to wear masks. The kids start making fun of you for wearing a mask. There is an adult with them, who doesn't seem to notice or care.
(Five characters: main character, three ten year olds, and the adult who is with the kids)

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