



## Telling Our Stories: Western's Response to COVID-19

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This covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone and caused a lot of change. My personal experience of these hard times is not very positive and it is amazing to see how people are able to adapt to the situations at hand. But that doesn't always outweigh the negative. School has been especially rough for me and many other students. The transition from in person to online classes has proven to be difficult because I tend to be more focused when I'm physically in the classroom. Homework is now assigned through email/canvas and if you aren't constantly checking your classes it is extremely easy to fall behind. I have fallen victim to this and it definitely doesn't make the stress of the pandemic any better. This change has also affected our ability to meet other people. The classroom environment is one of the best ways to meet people at school and online classes/ social distancing are a fairly big boundary. But this isn't the only thing that has changed. The pandemic has also caused every day activities, like going to the store, to be way more difficult than they need to be. In every store/building you are required to wear a mask and stand 6 feet apart. Sometimes there is even a limit to the amount of people allowed in the store at one time. Overall this pandemic has proven to have an effect on almost every part of life in the present day. Businesses closed, people are getting sick, and some are jobless but honestly I feel like things are getting better and I am excited to see how we are able to come out of this.