

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

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## Story contribution

The most challenging thing for me during COVID would have to be the fact that it makes it a lot difficult to stay on track during my online classes. I always get distracted by something, and then I miss something important that my professor may have said, which leads me to stay after class and ask my professor to clarify on the subject. Something else that is hard for me; is being away from home. I live six hours away from Bellingham, currently living on campus, but I feel so weird being away from home. I feel like COVID has really messed this up even more by breaking our community up more, so I feel like I'm not able to connect with other people as well. Living in the dorms is weird too, wearing masks except in the shower or if you're brushing your teeth or washing your face; so different. I feel like I get no "me-time" because both my roommate and I are stuck in our room doing Zoom meetings for our classes, and the only time I get to myself is when I walk to work-which is a 15 minute walk. I work opening shifts so I'm never really awake when I walk to work.

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