

Life

In

LOCKDOWN

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LOCKDOWN

You walk down the ghost-quiet street you feel the frosty air surround you and small sound of tapping rain slightly covering the street, as you go past stores that were once open....

At the supermarket

Each aisle empty not even a can of beans or a roll of paper towel. Long walls of endless people stock piling up as you race to the end of the store looking for a register to load just in time before the flood hits. As you look around unfamiliar faces wearing masks, the squirting of hand sanitisers and the excessive use of anti-bacteria wet wipes.

The corona virus has just begun.

This virus turns your lungs to paper when infected and damages your respiratory system and if you survive it'll never be the same.



THE START

OF THE CORONA VIRUS

What is the corona virus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause respiratory infections. Don't be misled by its common symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat and headaches.

It can lead to a severe illness or death.

Investigations showed that the Chinese authorities discovered that the virus may have originated from the Wuhan food market but they are all theories at the moment.

Wash
hands
AND
Stay
at
Home
COVID-19

PREVENTION

In order to prevent the spread of the covid-19:

- Abide to social distancing rules
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Disinfect surfaces.
- Maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell and arrange for the doctor to test for the virus, if you have common symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat and headaches.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek immediate medical attention.
- Follow the directions of your local health authority, including self-isolation



How it changed the world...

- It has changed the world economically
- It has changed the world in numbers
- It has changed the world's history

"People have lost family members and jobs. These has changed the way we travel, work, study, shop and live our lives, due to social distancing rules." - Ezraella

The impact of the coronavirus is having a profound and serious impact on the global economy and has sent policymakers looking for ways to respond. China's experience so far shows that the right policies make a difference in fighting the disease and reducing its impact—but some of these policies come with difficult economic trade-offs.

Coronavirus will change our history —it's still too early to know how profoundly coronavirus will change our way of life, but it's clear we'll be living with the aftermath for years to come. This pandemic will alter the course of history in ways we can't predict — just like those before it.

About 432,746 people have died worldwide cause by covid-19 and about 136,552 new cases of covid.



HOME SCHOOLING

What is home schooling?

Home schooling is a progressive movement around the country and the world, in which parents educate their children at home.

Parents are able to spend time with their children, as they do their homework, although in many cases a few have lost their hair in the process.

Home schooling is different and difficult as you have to be discipline in the midst of distraction and treats in order to finish piles of homework. For me it was figuring out 24 hour time and more! I found joy in spelling activities, although everything was quite calm and oddly quiet the weird thing, was I miss my friends.

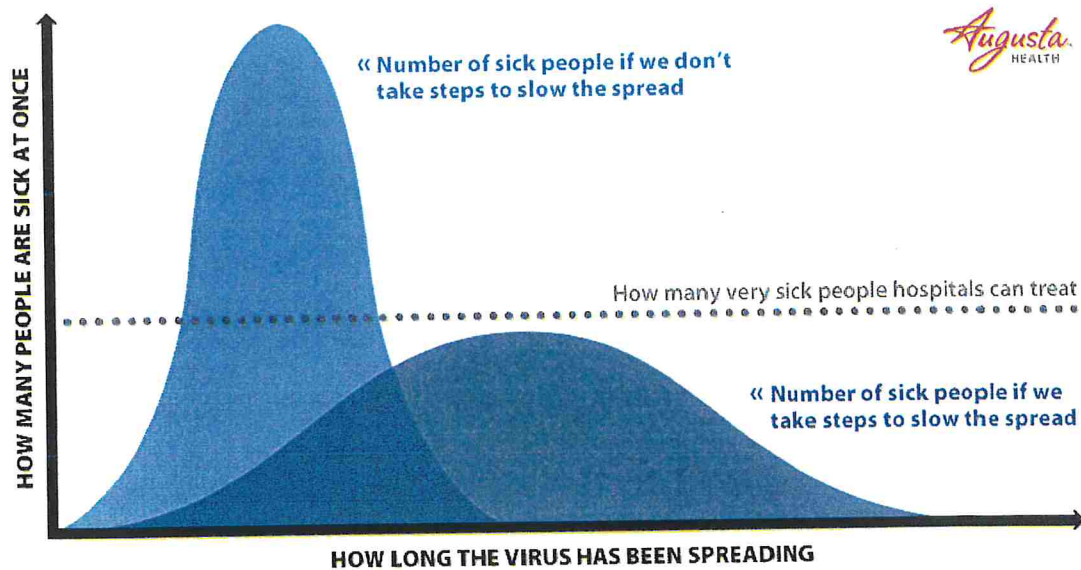


Social Distancing

What is social distancing?

The idea of 'social distancing' may not be something you have heard of until the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

Social distancing ways to stop or slow the spread of infections it's to prevent less physical contact with others. Social distancing is when you stay 1.5 meters away for others



Adapted from the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1103-social-distancing.html>

By practicing social distancing, you are not only protecting yourself, but everyone that you could potentially come into contact with as well. Although the symptoms for coronavirus can take up to 14 days to be present, you could still be carrying the virus and could therefore be passing it on to others without realizing it.

TOILET PAPER

CRISIS

Before the toilet paper crisis began here in Australia I had already heard about all the shortages in wet wipes, sanitisers, and empty shelves in stores from friends and family back in Singapore. My grandma told us to stock up on necessities, so mum stock up on few extra packs of toilet roll and it was a good thing because we couldn't get any on weeks on end.

To the point we started running out of toilet paper, we were always on a look out for passer-by's that exited supermarket with a pack of toilet rolls, we would rush in to see if there was any left, sadly there was never any, we were always too late.

I think the logical reason to why supermarkets resulted in a shortage is because toilet roll is really bulky and due to the space they take up not many supermarket's have the shelf space to stock high quantities, that is why purchasing quantities had to be enforced, as supermarkets were unable to keep up with the demand.



STAYING AT HOME

Due to the coronavirus huge social events were cancelled. Parks, lifestyle venues, gyms, pools, cinemas and even churches were close, so we watched our Sunday service online, we stopped inviting friends over for dinner. Unless it was food shopping, we avoided going to the shops and Mum even decided for me to take a few weeks off school and stay home to study. We did however go for walks around the neighbourhood. We love staying home so it wasn't anything too different to what we were used to.

Why is lockdown important

Viruses have varying abilities to infect people. For COVID-19, each person with the virus can go on to infect around 2.5 people. If each of those people go about their day as normal, and infect another 2.5 people, within a month, 406 people would be infected just from that first infection. Corona virus spread is contagious and dangerous.



Final thoughts

The Corona Virus might have impacted us all in some way, but I know God has his hand of protection over our lives, using this time to focus on things that matter, slowing down and spending time with my mum and dad, being positive about the future. As I start to complete this information report, restriction measures are already lifting in South Australia and things are starting to get back to normal. This experience has made me realise what a valuable commodity toilet paper is. I will be sure to stash some away so I can use it for future currency.

I am planning the birthday party that never took place at the Tree Climb because we had to cancel due to the social distancing rules; I am looking forward to play dates with my friends again and I am thanking God that he had his hand on this whole experience.

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Why worry
when you can
pray?