

## **How would You Communicate Through an Isolated Environment?**

Cough! Cough! Sneeze! That's the sound of people coughing and sneezing because they don't wear their masks. As a result people are disconnecting with each other and losing their lives because of the pandemic! We need to change this!

To start, during this pandemic, we can stay linked together by wearing our masks properly. Based on the news, Covid cases are rising. Therefore, we need to protect ourselves by having enough masks so that we won't risk losing our lives. You don't want to hear that a loved one has died from the virus. I know how that feels because one of my family members passed away due to Covid because they refused to wear a mask!

Everyone has to be aware of who is around them. They have to be conscious of their surroundings. Just because you are vaccinated doesn't mean you still can't get infected. My mom told me that she is vaccinated, but she still wears her mask to keep herself safe and to keep our family safe. It's better to be safe than sorry! When this pandemic started my classmates and I had to take online classes. The teachers and the principal didn't want us at risk. They didn't want us to get the virus and have to be in a hospital. We have to be alert. Wearing masks is one way of communicating and connecting with the world while experiencing the pandemic.

My last reason for how we can bind together during this rampant time is being socially distant. How can we do that? Well we can still be connected through social media! I don't know about you, but I wouldn't stand a chance if I didn't have social media. Even though we can't actually hug or handshake each other, it doesn't mean that we can't bond with each other. For example, on Snapchat or Instagram we can call or text each other and still have a connection with each other. Even if we are in a tough situation right now, that doesn't mean it will last forever. My friends and I still hang out!

When I was in first grade, I made a friend named Alanei. She moved to a different school so we weren't as close as we were before. Luckily I had her phone number and we would hang out all the time. But as soon as Covid-19 hit, we separated again. Sadly, a few months later, I learned she passed away. I was devastated! That incident made me want to keep communicating with friends and family. I made more friends than I thought I would ever make because of what happened to Alanei.

To conclude, I think that we can cleverly find a way to connect with others and still be safe. Just because Covid is happening, it doesn't mean we have to be stuck alone in the house all day!