

Joe and Hutch

Today we're inside
Even though the sun was out
Not going to school
Nevertheless doing school
We still see no cars driving
People in houses
Outside empty and lonely
Raining and misty
People are out there alone
Because today we're inside

Stella

Quarantine will be over faster if you stay home.
If you want to see your friends, stay home.

If you want to go back to school,
If you want to play in parks, stay home.

If you want to spend your summer outside,
If you want to swim at the beach, stay home.

If you want to keep everyone safe,
If you want everything to go back to the way it was, stay home.

I know this quarantine is long but it will get better soon,
be like Stella and stay home.

Arlo

I feel constrained, trapped stuck in my own home
Longing to leave, I need to stay

Same every day, Same food and clothes
Same routine, I need to stay

Fun is great but rare, We work to try and find it
I want to leave, I need to stay

I look for hope, I go to find it
I love hope, I need to stay

I find hope, Its glorious
Hope found Arlo, I need to stay

Joe

No cars are in the street but still
People drive and the wind blows

No people leave their homes but still
People are outside and the wind blows

I see the weather outside it's raining but still
The mail is being delivered and yet the wind blows

I see the buildings are closed but still
People are in them the wind blows

Many people like joe are inside but still
I watch the wind and I see the wind blow

Edward

The summer starts. In the summer things happen. People leave. People are scared. They are inside of their homes, afraid of leaving their houses. The world has changed.

At home, school happens. Kids are working, getting good at math science reading. It is easier for some, and harder for others. They do their work, but at home. The world has changed.

Though children work, some adults have been stopped from work. They struggle to live, without pay. They cannot get to the food that those people need. The world has changed.

Prices are high, and the surplus of supplies have been diminished. Aisles are empty, food is gone. The masks of doctors are worth their weight in gold. The world has changed.

The streets are empty, cars are rare. Once busy streets now lay silent and empty. The churches of a huge community now lay empty, their bell now silent. The world has changed.

Some like Edward lay indoors, some are driving. They drive all day, bringing all of the things everyone else needs. Some bring food, all the food. Everyone shows support. The world has changed.

Quarantine is King.
The outdoors is a gamble.
People stay indoors

Stuck indoors, boredom is king
I look at the amount of cures,

Edward

Macy

To go back to school, stay home now,
To see our friends and family soon, stay home now.

To go out in the open without masks anytime soon, wash your wash well and
To not risk getting sick, stay home now

If you want to play in parks again, stay in quarantine and
To travel again you need to, stay home now

To save the world's population, wipe down surfaces frequently and
If you want to have a birthday party next year, stay home now

To make public pools an option this summer, wear a mask outside and
If you ever want to go shopping at Macy's ever again, stay home now.

Olivia - Summer

I want for this mess to end
I wonder if this could stop, i wait

I wonder when news says that summer is back on, i wait
I want to see my friends and sde them smile, i wait

I wait for when i can see everyone off the phone, i wait
You can see the boredom it shows, i wait

Summer feels so far away, i wait
People inside just looking for the time to fly by, we wait

I wonder if i could hear my friends say olivia again, i wait
It feels like these days are just a dream, i still wait

Theo
This will be over, soon.
We will go back to school, soon.

We will see our friends
We will interact with people, soon

We will shop
We will play sports, soon

We will go to the movies
We will share our things, soon

We will be able to eat out in restaurants
This will be over, Theo thinks, soon

Bo

When I get out of quarantine I want to go to BIG Gay Ice Cream. They make the best ice cream and during the virus I have never been able to go there. It would make me so happy to get their amazing chocolate vanilla twist. During this time in quarantine I am trying to learn how to build a computer, it is really complicated but with all the extra time I am certain that I will be able to. It keeps me interested and not bored. Overall, I cannot wait to get out of the quarantine.

Sarah

What I would like to do when quarantine is over is to go and see my friends in a real, physical space and hang out. I know I will definitely give them all a big hug. I am looking forward to going back to school. It will be nice to see all of my classmates and teachers in real life. Something I have learned in quarantine is that I should spend more time listening to music. Now that I have more time I have been listening to a lot of music and I am really enjoying that. There are definitely a lot of things that I am going to incorporate into my post-quarantine life. This whole lifestyle makes me feel really grateful for all of the basic pleasures of life: seeing friends, going out to eat, breathing fresh air, going to school, and many more.

Libi

When Quarantine is over, I would like to go get ice cream with my friends. I would like to go outside just for the fun of it, and not have to wear a mask. I would like to have fun, without having to think about staying six feet away from everyone. I would like to go to Israel to see my family. I would like to have my Bat Mitzvah with all of the people from New York and Israel. I would like to eat out for my dad's birthday in June. Above all, I just want to be free.

Nina

When quarantine is over I want to see people face to face. I want to see my school friends, have a sleepover with my dance friends, and want to dress up for Halloween!

At school I want to catch up on all of my friends' lives and see teachers. I want to hug my friends and go up the crowded hallways. I imagine getting squished by all of the tall people but still managing to keep talking to my friends as we slowly walk up the stairs.

Secondly, I want to have a sleepover with my best friends, who happen to be my dance friends. I look forward to the pillow fights, the make-up, and the face masks. I want to stay up till the sun rises and pretend we got a full night of sleep even though the parents know that we were up all night, eating candy while watching stuff on our phones!

Finally, I really want to dress up for Halloween, go out to see my friends, trade candy and tell jokes. We will get hyper but act like we didn't just have some candy! I wish to beg my mom and dad for five more minutes at my friend's house, trading candy. I want to beg my parents for a sleepover and they will finally agree after what feels like an hour of begging.

Even though I miss everyone, I will just have to wait until quarantine is over to see them.

Stella

I miss doing all the things I got to do before quarantine. When I think about that I think about my friends who I desperately want to see. If we were together right now we would probably be

eating ice cream and celebrating that quarantine is over and that we can see each other again. I would like to take a road trip and go swimming with them. I would like to travel. But there is one thing that I want most, it is to just be with people face to face without a face mask or be six feet apart, and I know I'm not the only one who wants that.

Joe

In 2020 because of covid 19 I have not been able to do as many things as I would like. There are many restrictions so we can't do as many things like see our friends and eat at restaurants. One thing I want to do is eat pizza and have a sit down meal and just not cook something everyday. I also want to be able to go to my friends house and have fun with them. without standing 6 feet away. I also want to be able to go in a shop during a walk when I want water or a snack instead of waiting for a while. I want to go outside without wearing a mask. Covid 19 has taken away lots of things that I used to do and I miss most of those things.

Edward

The things that I want to do after quarantine are being more social with my friends. Before quarantine, I would go to a pickle stand every day with my friends and it would be fun. I want to revisit that stand with my friends because it was nice getting to walk around with my friends after school.

Hanako

First of all, let's just get this out of the way: quarantine sucks. And you know it. No matter how introverted you may be, we all hate this. Don't get me wrong, it's nice to not interact with people every once and awhile. But eventually, it starts to get bad. Like, really bad. I can't stand being cooped up anymore! Anyway, here are a couple of things that I want to do after quarantine ends. I want to go to a restaurant, as in, a public dining place. I want to go to some other public place, like a water park or something. I want to go back to school! I want to go to my friend's country house, I want to go to sleep away camp, I want to travel outside of the country, and, I can't believe I'm saying this, but I want to go back to NYC. Quarantine is driving us all crazy. And I can't wait to be crazy outside of the house.

Ty

What I want to do immediately after we get back is see my friends and walk around the city. I've noticed how dependent I am on my friends. All I really want is for things to go back to normal. I think the reason I'm so dependent on friends is because they are the people I feel like I talk to much besides my family. One thing I'm glad I can do is play video games because besides online school it is the only way I feel like I can communicate with friends more than just calling them or facetime them.

Anais

Something I have learned through quarantine, is how life is out of your control. Thinking something so, doesn't make it real, and that what we are experiencing is real. You cannot control, no matter how hard you try, to stop the spreading, to change everyone's minds, to stay inside, to keep others safe, if they don't care about their own health. I learned that when this is over, finally, and officially done, when all the waves and reappearances are gone, to go back to the way things used to be. To normal. For those who disagree, think about it. What were all those doctors fighting for? Why did we wear the masks? Why did we miss school, why did we lose our jobs? We did this all for it to be normal again. I never want to wear a pair of latex gloves again. I hate wiping down each individual grocery, before we can put it away. If you are scared to go outside when this is over, then you don't have full appreciation of what the doctors, and grocery workers, and mask makers, and mailman did, because you probably don't understand why they did it.

The first thing I am going to do when this is over is to take the mile walk to pier two with my caregiver, where we will go rollerskating, and then walk back to the ramen place down the block from my house. My Dad will meet us there, and my caregiver will get to go home and relax. At the ramen place I will order my usual chicken and noodles bowl, with pork dumplings, and fried green beans with pork sauce sprinkled with sesame seeds. Then when we are full, we will walk down Smith st, until we reach Bergen, and then I will walk home, and watch a movie. I have been dreaming of this day for weeks already. When I get the chance, I wouldn't sacrifice that day for anything.

Max

A Pandemic, a disease prevalent over a whole country or world. Everyone is affected by this, millions infected, tens of thousands of people dead. Everybody is scared, for themselves, and for everybody around them. I know many people who have gotten COVID 19, one of which I was in contact just days before he got it. This person's name is William, my dad's close friend, who is in his thirties. He's in a stable condition, with what we think is a milder strand of the virus. Because everybody is scared, lots of people are helping each other. I admire everybody who is helping, but I especially admire the governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo. He is taking this event extremely seriously, unlike our president. He is trying his very best to help everybody he can. He is attempting to comfort all of us and make us feel like it's ok if we all do our part. He's educating us to make good decisions, and to help others. He cares about everybody, and making sure we're all ok. And he's right, if we all do our part to help others and not be selfish, we can overcome this pandemic. Andrew Cuomo is paving a road right over this pandemic, crushing it until it gives up and everybody is ok.