

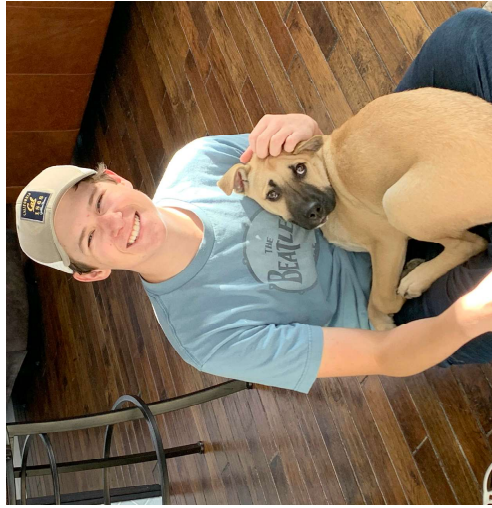
# Dear COVID.



Dear COVID,

Why do you exist? 2020 was supposed to be great and you freakin' flushed it down the toilet. Can you just stop? You made my first year of high school one to remember and not like "that was the best year on my life" kind of way, but like a "remember that time you were riding that bike and busted your head and your hair caught on fire and the fire department came and you cracked your phone" kind of memory. Please stop your torching. It's getting a little old. Your victim.

*-Ashlynn Mojica (9)*



Dear COVID,

I have a lot of things to say to you. First you made last year really bad, but not world ending. I had a lot of time to hangout with my family and for that I thank you. Last year has been a year I will never forget, but if you think this year is going to be like the rest you're mistaken. We as a human race will find a way to beat you. Plus, even if you don't go away and end up like the flu, you will hopefully fade into history like all the other plagues of the past. I hope we never meet face to face or you'll have another thing coming. Here's to a world without you.

*-Cal Auger (11)*

Dear COVID,

Although it is so very hard to put this into a letter, I feel like it may be time for us to take some space from each other. It may be a little tacky but I just couldn't tell you in person. I will have to do it VIRTUALLY. To be quite frank, I think you are incredibly toxic and unhealthy to be around. You go messing around with everyone but get jealous if I get closer than six feet to anyone and I am tired of it!!! I have found someone who can give me things that you just can't. So even though this is so very hard I must say goodbye. Just kidding, good riddance!!!

*-Conor Oliver (12)*

Dear COVID,

You have ruined my experience with my first year of high school, and I wish you didn't have to come and ruin it. You have made it hard for me to hang out with friends and let me do stuff I could've done without you in the picture. I am mad at you because you have ruined everything for me. You have killed so many people and hurt so many families in the same way, innocent people have died because of you. Why are you doing this to us? It's hurting so many people, we don't want this anymore, just leave us in peace.

*-Emma, Irlanda (9)*