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Hello! My name is Yana. I live in the capital of Belarus - Minsk and study at the Minsk State Linguistic University. The whole world is now concerned about one thing - the coronavirus. Belarus was not spared. It seems to me, that there is not a single person, who does not know what it is. The virus appeared in our country around the beginning of spring. There was a little panic, but all the people were prepared for it. More and more people I met in protective masks. But, as it was expected, the younger generation was not very responsible about this. However, after a large incidence, even these skeptics began to comply with the rules of protection against coronavirus. Thanks to our doctors, everything is under control.

I think that many people know that Belarus has not been quarantined. People were confused. The defensive response was laughter. I have seen plenty of funny videos about the virus on various entertainment platforms. And you know, it really helps to relax and relieve stress. Speaking about universities, almost all students wrote their own applications and self-isolated themselves.

My life has changed a lot, because I no longer had to get up early every day to get ready and go to classes. Everything was online. At first, it seemed interesting, something new. But over time, it got very boring. I missed my classmates and teachers. I got very tired spending almost the whole day at the computer, listening to lectures. There are pros and cons everywhere. The plus was, that I could go for a walk in the nearest park, get some fresh air. I wouldn't be able to sit in a closed space for a few weeks. Another plus was that I started communicating with my family more often. Unfortunately, in normal life I am rarely at home and do not always get to talk about any problems or what I care about.

I think that this virus has taught people responsibility and reminded everyone what is really important and valuable in our lives.

I'm thinking positive thoughts. The virus will not last forever. Everything will be okay.