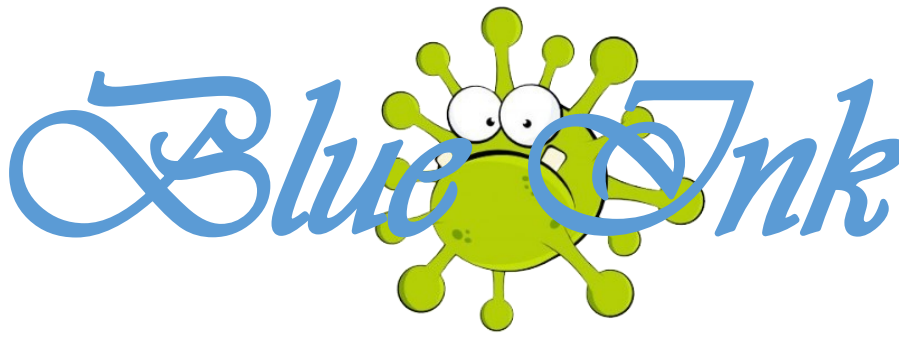


Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through May 1. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread



Online learning: How it's really going

by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer



We are going on our second full week of learning while some students struggle without the classroom, Others say it's

Previously Google Classroom was used in some classes periodically throughout the year, but this fourth quarter has expanded its relevance into students' and teachers' lives as almost all assignments, videos, quizzes are being posted here.

nice to work at their own pace. I interviewed five Garretson students and all were asked the following questions about online learning.

1. Would you say you're more or less overwhelmed and why?

Rian Smidt, freshman (RS): I would say I'm less overwhelmed compared to the first week because I kinda know where to go when something doesn't work.

Madi Decker, sophomore (MD): I would say that I am less overwhelmed because I can do my work on my own time and not worry about the teacher always watching what you do.

Gabe Johnson, sophomore (GJ): I would say I'm slightly overwhelmed by online learning because most of my teachers tend to assign all their work for the day at the same time, and it's hard to keep up with the workload like that while also having to worry about other subjects.

Peyton Hove, junior (PH): At first I was quite overwhelmed since I've never done this before and didn't know what to expect, I wasn't very good at juggling all my classes at once but now I'm getting the hang of it so it's not so bad.

Jacob Schmidt, senior (JS): I would say more because of some of the things I have to teach myself and explain to myself without teachers being there.

2. What would you say is a way to better online learning?

RS: A way to make online learning easier for us students might be to have a schedule so we kinda know what we're doing throughout the week.

MD: I Would say just have the teachers be more consistent with some due dates and to make them more clear.

GJ: I would say a way to better help students with online learning is to make a class announcement and say what times you are going to assign your work so us students have time to worry about a single subject at a time.

PH: As a student I'd say Manage your time to get your assignments and not wait to the last minute to do them.

JS: For me personally it's just the times I really wish school started earlier because I like having my whole day open especially so I can go and work.

3. How is it going for you?

RS: For me online learning is going pretty good.

MD: It is going pretty good because I can take breaks when needed.

GJ: For me personally it's going ok, I just forget to tap the "turn in" button every once in a while and end up getting points deducted for it.

PH: It's going pretty good, and I still wish I was able to see my friends and teachers every day.

JS: I mean if I were to rate it between 1 and 10 I'd say a 5 because I'm just not a super tech person and I like being in a classroom. I like that person-to-person contact.

4. Do you wish that they offered online learning like this every year as a choice?

RS: Yes, I think offering online learning would be nice to keep because I kinda like doing this, but it could be a bad thing if all students did online learning instead of actual school and socializing.

MD: I think it would be beneficial for some kids but I would prefer in class learning over online.

GJ: No, I do not think I could do this type of online learning for an entire year. I like having my friends around me in the actual classroom, and now that I don't have that I don't have the attention span I normally do when I am listening to a teacher.

PH: For me, no. I feel like you want to get the same experience as you are in a classroom.

JS: Not really because I think it would be more overwhelming on the teachers to have to teach online and to teach in the classroom when there's other opportunities if you want to learn online just not do it through our school.

5. What would you say is the hardest, most difficult part of online learning?

RS: The most difficult thing about online school in my opinion would be not being able to see my friends and not being able to talk to other people.

MD: I think it is difficult to sometimes understand what teachers want done since they aren't there to help you and it is harder to ask questions.

GJ: I would say the most difficult part of online learning is not having a teacher physically in the room with you to help if you need it, and not having friends to help if you're too scared or stubborn to ask a teacher.

PH: The hardest part is definitely not being with your teachers to ask questions or to see whether or not you're getting it.

JS: I think for me it's when I ask questions. Because in a classroom you can just ask questions right away whether now you have to send an email or call and you're trying to get your assignment done and it just takes longer.

6. Do you think that it's easier to learn this way with some classes vs others (which ones and why)?

RS: No I feel that all my classes are the same online and in person.

MD: I actually think it is harder for most classes especially math because when a question pops up you can't raise your hand and ask and it's difficult to ask over email.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The game Chinese Checkers was invented in Germany.



LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Your iPads and computers are probably seeing more daylight than they are used to. Use a sticky note to clean out those crumbs and dust from the keyboards.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Home = doma (doh-mah)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why can't a nose by 12 inches long?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What is full of holes but still can hold water?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 3**
 - No School—Online Learning
 - Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones
- Monday, April 6**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Tuesday, April 7**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Wednesday, April 8**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Thursday, April 9**
 - No School—Online Learning
 - Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones
- Friday, April 10**
 - No School—Easter Break

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO RETURN: 39 days (hopefully???)
We will keep you updated as more information comes out.

YEARBOOK REQUEST This is a unique experience that we have right now. If any students want to contribute "online learning" pictures for the yearbook that would be great! It can be screen shots of work, struggles you've had or major successes! Be creative.



Featured is Mrs. Buchholz's AP Lit and Comp class in their first Zoom meeting last week. While it is still a learning process, students and teachers appreciate the "face-to-face" interaction and opportunity to ask questions in order to keep progressing forward academically.

JOKE: Because then it would be a foot

BRAINTEASER: A sponge

European coronavirus update

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Germany says coronavirus is spreading too fast to loosen restrictions. It has over 62,435 confirmed cases of the virus and 541 deaths. Everything from schools, restaurants, shops, bars, and leisure facilities are closed.

Spain announced another record on Tuesday in the number of people killed by the coronavirus. Its latest daily death count announced 849 deaths in the previous 24 hours, bringing the total to 8,189 deaths overall.

Italy has been the hardest-hit country in Europe so far, with cases and deaths among 60 million citizens. Its prime minister is warning that Europe is not doing enough to help Italy. He added that the risk of a higher anti-EU sentiment was "obvious" as a result. Its neighbors, however, de-

cidated that if borders were to close, it would be "disproportionate". It still is bad but is slowly getting better.

Sweden defends its more relaxed coronavirus strategy. Unlike most of the countries Sweden has not closed borders or its schools, neither has it closed non-essential business or banned gatherings of more than a few people, like the U.K. and Germany. Many people are not happy with this because they work with people and cannot take an unpaid two-week vacation.

France's daily COVID-19 death toll doubled in just a week. To fight against it, French Police have banned access to some areas. Starting Friday, March 27 evening, the Eiffel Tower has paid tribute to those rallying around: health caregivers, police officers, firefighters, volunteers, helpers, cashiers, agents of the city of Paris and many more. France is at pandemic stage 3 and announc-



ing 15 days minimum of lockdown but will probably be more.

Croatia has 1000 active cases. Since Monday, March 19, borders are temporarily closed for anyone without a Croatian citizenship. But coronavirus wasn't the only problem for Croatia, on March 22 an intense earthquake hit the capital, Zagreb, and it was evaluated 5.5. It was the strongest and one of the only ones since 1880, which caused problems for social distancing.

China resumes economic activity

by **Grace Panning**
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After two months of being shut down, China is starting to stop the spread of coronavirus. Which means China can get back to some of its normal day to day activities. Schools and colleges are beginning to resume classes, factories and ports are starting to operate again. Although factories have reopened, they are still operating at around 50% capacity. Some of this is driven by demand with other countries now putting measures in place to control Covid19, reducing orders from China.

Many laborers have not yet returned to work because they are stranded in rural areas, or because of fear of new infections. Because of this, cash strapped families may be reluctant to spend, further limiting economic recovery speed in China. While economic activity is now picking up, it is reported consumers are still cautious about attending crowded places, such as shopping malls and restaurants. Wet market attendance is also ex-

pected to be reduced, with more consumers using western style supermarkets instead. This, in turn, favors frozen imported foods as does the decreased frequency of shopping.

However, it could take several months for China to be back at full economic activity. Other reports fear a second wave of coronavirus later in the year could halt progress once more. The news that the shipping industry is beginning to move and that China is beginning to take products again may bring some relief to UK farmers. There had been concern by some sheep farmers that imports from New Zealand and Australia would increase as these countries redirected products originally intended for China. Early data suggests any re-direction to the UK has been limited. China, overall, is starting to come out of the cave and into the world of light.

Article is a summary of Rebecca Wright's original article on AHDB published March 19, 2020 on <https://ahdb.org.uk/news/china-resumes-economic-activity>

Online learning

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6. Do you think that it's easier to learn this way with some classes vs others (which ones and why)?

GJ: I would say it's a 50-50 for the difficulty scale for some classes. I have some hands-on classes. I'm not able to do the hands

on portion without a physical space to do it, like metal fabrication, I don't absorb all the information when it's through a slideshow and there's nothing to focus on except for maybe my pencil. With other classes it's easier to learn this way, like biology, I am having a better time understanding what's happening because I am able to watch a lot of YouTube videos and take a lot of notes if I need them.

PH: So far English has been the easiest since we are doing a class novel, but it still can be a struggle not seeing Mr. Hughes to ask questions about the book. But it's definitely harder to learn Spanish online without Miss Koskela helping us learn pronuncia-

tion and sentence structure.

JS: I mean yes I would say it's a little easier to learn English online but I would say some of my other classes are definitely more difficult and I wish I had that teacher to teacher interaction.

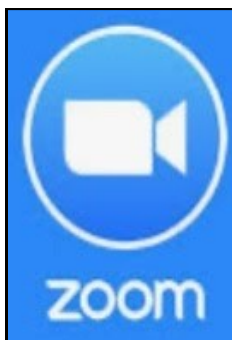
7. How would you say zoom meetings affect your learning? (Are they helpful and if so how?)

RS: I don't feel like zoom meetings are very effective because there's not really any teaching going on in them and if I have a question I don't think of it just then I usually just email them.

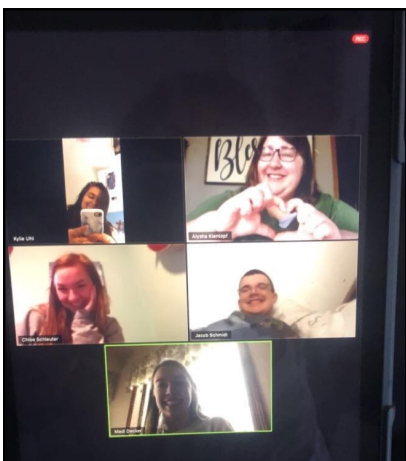
MD: I think the Zoom meetings are helping because you can actually listen to them explain and if you don't know it is way easier to ask.

GJ: Zoom meetings are sort of helpful to me, I like being able to see what my teacher is doing so that I can understand it a bit better while the process is being shown.

PH: Yes they are helpful, just



Zoom has quickly become commonplace for not just teachers and students but companies all around the nation as they transition to working from home.



Even a typically hands on ag class has embraced using Zoom as a way to meet, discuss, and explain assignments and expectations. Featured in this meeting were Kylie, Mrs. Keintopf, Chloe, Jacob, & Madi. Photo by Kylie Uhl

Local COVID-19

Update *Data from SD Dept of Health*

Updated April 2

COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA	
Number of Cases	165
Hospitalized*	17
Deaths	2
Recovered	57

*Cumulative persons who have been hospitalized to date.

SD COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF COVID-19 CASES		
County	# of Cases	# Recovered
Aurora	1	1
Beadle	21	13
Bon Homme	1	1
Brookings	2	2
Brown	6	2
Charles Mix	1	1
Clark	1	1
Clay	3	2
Codington	6	2
Davison	3	2
Deuel	1	0
Fall River	1	1
Faulk	1	1
Hamlin	1	0
Hughes	3	2
Hutchinson	2	2
Lake	1	0
Lawrence	9	3
Lincoln	17	1
Lyman	1	1
Marshall	1	1
McCook	2	1
Meade	1	1
Minnehaha	54	12
Pennington	6	1
Roberts	2	0
Spink	1	0
Todd	1	0
Turner	2	0
Union	3	1
Yankton	10	2

TV shows & movies to watch during lockdown



by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Movie theaters may be closed, concerts postponed and school out for some time, but Netflix, Disney+ and mach more platforms will keep you busy. Our eyes have turned to our screens for distraction, and there have never been so many choices to watch. Here are some shows and movies worth watching while practicing social distancing, whatever you are in the mood for.

FAMILY COMEDIES

- "The Big Bang Theory" (local stations available to buy digitally): The hangout sitcom starring Jim Parsons and Kaley Cuoco was TV's most popular show for a reason – its big, broad humor and nerdy characters are comforting and familiar.
- "Friends" (local stations, TBS; available to buy digitally, some Netflixes): one of the popular sitcom you cannot find anywhere, but catch it on TV to hang out with Monica, Joey, Chandler, Rachel, Phoebe and Ross
- "Community" (Hulu until March 31; Netflix April 1): This slightly called comedy about a group of diverse friends attending a local community college has its ups and downs, but its funniest, most ambitious installments are among the best TV episodes ever made

ZOOM PARTY MOVIES

- Book Smart (Hulu): classic, two high school seniors try to fit in a night before graduation
- Bring It On (Amazon and Netflix): humorously showing cheerleading
- High School Musical (Disney +): what is high school without little



Streaming services were our best friends anyway but now they are one of our few options of entertainment

singing

- To All the Boys I Loved Before (Netflix): love movie, love letters Lara Jeans wrote got out, how will she live with that?

WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING POSITIVELY JOYFUL

- "Gilmore Girls" (Netflix): Although the Gilmore family has plenty of trials, the world of small-town Stars Hollow is usually upbeat in this beloved drama
- "High SchoolMusical: The Musical: The Series" (Disney+): A fun "documenatry" about a high school putting on a production of "High School Musical," there is a lot of drama and singing
- "Making It" (Hulu): The closest thing the USA has to "Baking Show," the series manages to find sweetness in its crafting

WHEN YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER DIMENSION

- "Charmed" (Netflix): The late '90s/early 2000s fashions alone makes "Charmed" a nostalgia trip, but a the sweet family stories
- "Doctor Who" (BBC America and BritBox): With more than 50 years of time-and-space traveling episodes, there is no limit to where the Doctor (currently embodied by Jodi Whittaker) can take you in this British institution
- "Outlander" (Starz, Netflix): The sweeping, time-traveling romance with its century-hopping plot, but it barely matters as its center of a love story

SHOWS TO BINGE WATCH

- Breaking Bad
- I Am Not Okay With This
- The Vampire Diaries
- Cheer
- Elite
- Supergirl
- You
- Love Is Blind
- Riverdale

GOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Spider-Man
- The Good Place
- Hook
- National Treasure

Advancements in medicine for COVID-19

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

Just like anything else, the longer we study COVID-19, the more we learn about it. While fighting this virus, many medical advances have been made by doctors working around the clock.

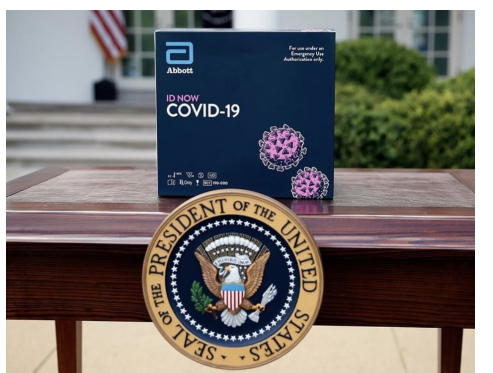
When COVID-19 first trucked the United States, test kits were very slim and would take days to get results. Now, test kits are plentiful and only take 13 minutes to get results. This allows hospitals to clear out more patients so they don't have to wait for results overnight and take up space.

When this all started, we believed it was only contagious through touch, then we learned it was air-born and can be transferred from 6ft away. Recently, Dr Fauci (the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) announced it can travel from about 27 feet through water droplets from a sneeze or cough.

There are currently 26 different vaccines being tested around the world, Dr Fauci believes it could take 12-16 months for a vaccine to be available for public use. This is the shortest period of time between a virus being diagnosed and vaccines being created.

In cases of emergency, the FDA approved to use of anti-malaria drugs as treatment for COVID-19. This was heavily pushed by the Trump administration to get some sort of treatment out there, as this is the only source of treatment for the virus.

Yesterday, COVID-19 reached 1 million total cases, making it the largest virus in history. This is very serious, please do your part to stop the spread of Coronavirus, stay at home, practice social distancing, wash your hands. People are losing jobs and loved ones, students are missing school; this virus has ruined and ended many peoples lives. Please do your part to stop the spread.



President Trump shows off new rapid coronavirus test kit in Rose Garden

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foxnews President Trump unveiled a new rapid test kit for the coronavirus on Monday. According to Abbott Laboratories, the company that made tests, they can deliver a negative result in 13 minutes when the virus is not detected.

Multiple women escape SD jail

by **Nobel Nothstine**
senior writer

Nine women escaped from a mini-security South Dakota jail, Pierre Community Work Center, where an inmate in the same unit has tested positive for coronavirus. The escape took place late Monday evening of last week, March 23.

Three of the women, identified as Kelsey Flute, 30, Jordan Wakeman, 27, and Pamela Miller, 28, were apprehended on Tuesday after a search in an aircraft operated by the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

The women left the jail on the same day the South Dakota Department of Health announced a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the prison.

Gov. Kristi Noem said the nine



women who escaped (though eight were initially announced by corrections officials) were housed in the same unit as the inmate diagnosed with COVID-19, but how close the women had been to each other is

unclear.

Three more of the inmates have since been caught and tested for COVID-19. Results are pending, and the last three inmates are still at large.

The best quarantined video games

by **Nobel Nothstine**
senior writer—editorial

In light of the recent national coronavirus outbreak, hopefully you're following social distancing norms and you're stuck inside like the rest of us. What is there to possibly do besides ignore your responsibilities and game? For your convenience during this isolated time, I've compiled my top 3 games to play/watch on each the Nintendo Switch, and PS4/Xbox1/PC. With this, I've included a short description of each, in hopes of finding one that piques your interest. Read on by category below.

NINTENDO SWITCH

3. Luigi's Mansion 3

Still fairly new, this game is hitting #3 on my switch list because its part of the Mario universe, which means it's



going to be incredible by default. But with Luigi's Mansion 3 in particular, the gameplay is engaging and fun, the story is charming, the new mechanics are easy to pick up, but definitely elevated from LM2, and the puzzles are not too frustrating – but just challenging enough to give you that swell of pride when you complete them (similar to Legend of Zelda puzzles).



2. The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening

Ranking #2, though less than a year old, Link's Awakening is already one of the Nintendo Switch's best selling

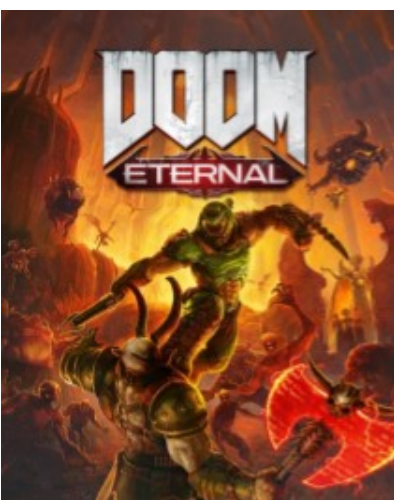
games. Personally, I felt this game stuck close enough to the original to pay homage to it, but differed enough to be new and exciting. The graphics and style are adorable, the new features worked well and were good additions, and the soundtrack was a huge upgrade from previous games—overall making it really fun to play! My only complaint is with the optimization...compared to The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, this game felt short.

1. Animal Crossing: New Horizons

ACNH is a life simulation video game, the fifth in the AC series, and is the newest on this list - released in late March of 2020. Though this may be a controversial #1 pick, it's my personal favorite Switch game so far. The graphics are great (rivaling Breath of the Wild), the game is player paced, like always, and it's just a comforting, relaxing, and lovely little game to play/watch during this trying time. It's nice to have an escape from the craziness of today's world, and you can customize your character, your home, and your island in a million different ways. It's simple enough play dynamics for most ages to grasp, and the NPC's are much more helpful, diverse, and personified than prior AC games.



PS4/Xbox1/PC



3. Doom Eternal (PS4/Xbox1/PC/Switch)

Not a game I would normally gun for, but Doom Eternal is an exhilarating "keep you on your toes" type first person shooter game. Attention to detail is impressive, better graphics than previous Doom games, more varied stages, and redesigned demons. New gameplay mechanics as

well, plus the gameplay and gunplay is much more fun than most first person shooter games I've played/watched. Soundtrack is intense and high energy, and I love the tactical edge the developers added to this game with some of the new weapons, ammo, health, and armor mechanics.

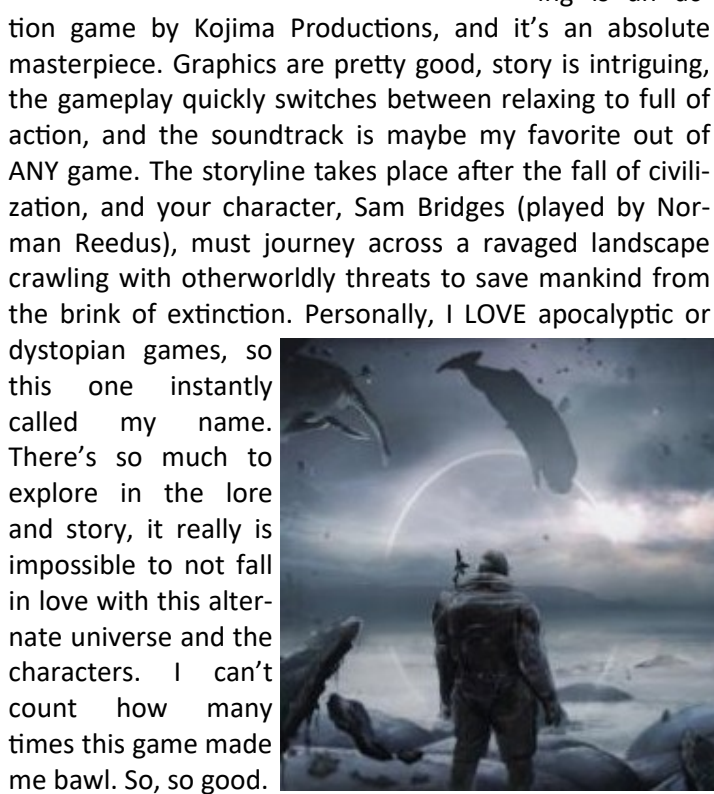
2. Untitled Goose Game (PS4/Xbox1/PC/Switch)

Definitely a turn around from the last game, Untitled Goose Game is a puzzle stealth video game in which the player controls a goose who bothers the inhabitants of a village. It's also a player paced game, and it's set up in a similar system to an alignment chart. You can wreak havoc if you want, but the game is split into a collection of small environments with a checklist of things to complete in order to progress to the next area. Sometimes the objectives are silly, but some solutions really take some tinkering to figure out and every section is more clever than the last. Plus, the game itself is visually appealing with a pretty minimal style, and the game and mechanics are easy to pick up and get a hang of. (This was also the first game a Gamestop worker recommended me to play that I listened to).



1. Death Stranding (PS4)

Wow. I cannot recommend this game enough! Death Stranding is an action game by Kojima Productions, and it's an absolute masterpiece. Graphics are pretty good, story is intriguing, the gameplay quickly switches between relaxing to full of action, and the soundtrack is maybe my favorite out of ANY game. The storyline takes place after the fall of civilization, and your character, Sam Bridges (played by Norman Reedus), must journey across a ravaged landscape crawling with otherworldly threats to save mankind from the brink of extinction. Personally, I LOVE apocalyptic or dystopian games, so this one instantly called my name. There's so much to explore in the lore and story, it really is impossible to not fall in love with this alternate universe and the characters. I can't count how many times this game made me bawl. So, so good.



Honorable Mentions: Half Life Alyx (VR), Red Dead Redemption 2 (PS4, Xbox 1, PC), Assassins Creed: Odyssey (PS4, Xbox 1, PC), and Horizon Zero Dawn (PS4, PC)



Take care of you in this new world



by **Hayden Olofson**
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Another week goes by and America is still suffering from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Many people in the United States think it's still fine to go out at night or during the day in groups, but that is not the case. The only people that should be leaving their house are people that have jobs or need to get necessities for home. Other exceptions may be gathering in a very small group while keeping a distance.

We all know it can be very hard to stay home and not be able to see family and friends through this pandemic, but we must listen to social distancing in order to get rid of this virus as fast as possible. There are many ways to take care of yourself in this new world.

Socially, you should find clever ways to stay in contact with others. Using technology, try to "see" your friends and family everyday. This can be done with apps such as facetime or skype.

Another way to be social is to get outside everyday. Make sure you are always talking on the phone, not just texting. People that have gaming systems can have fun with their friends online playing games.

Mentally, don't give into fear and fake news. Always look for the facts for coronavirus and when the news or media makes you stressed out, shut it off.

Many people find it helpful to journal. Whatever you do, try to stay positive. Make a point to do something you like everyday, such as shooting hoops or reading. Also, online there are many private groups or people to help in times of need.

Everyone knows it's not fun being quarantined, but instead of sitting around all day alone, you could find multiple things you can do to entertain yourself. If you run out of ideas, ask others and try something new.

Over the last two weeks journalism students gave a description of how they are passing time, so you could check those out. Taking care of yourself on all levels is the best way to come out of this quarantined period healthy.

We can't control the virus but we can control wellness.