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Editor's Note: The next two issues of  will be "forward thinking" as our writers explore what they'll do in a post-pandemic world!



Family Parties Top My Post-Pandemic List!



By Randy Contreras
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Everyone would have a plan to do if they had that situation, but my plan is different.

My plan is (are you ready for it?) is to throw a party with all of my family members. I pick this because every year, we usually throw big parties to celebrate important holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year.

When we throw parties for those holidays, it's big! We get people from my mom's side and from my dad's side. It always turns out so great! For example, every Thanksgiving, we make a huge table so everyone can eat. We all enjoy ourselves.

Every time we have a party, the grown-ups stay upstairs doing whatever they want to do, while the kids stay downstairs where the fun is.



Now on Christmas Eve (my favorite), we have the boys play video games and the girls doing whatever they want to do. Don't ask me, I never pay attention to what the girls are doing. While the kids are being very loud downstairs, the grownups are even more louder upstairs doing secret Santa.

Now for the final holiday celebration, it's New Year's. I saved the longest for last. New Year's is the longest because we stay up partying until 7:00 am. Yeah, I know we are crazy people. At 11:50 pm, everyone goes upstairs and gets ready for the New Year. When it becomes 12:00 am, we all give everyone hugs and say **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

So that is my bit I know I shared too much, but it was worth it.

After COVID, No Masks and Movie With Grandma!



By Emily DeJesus
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After Covid-19 is over, I would like to go outside without a mask because sometimes, it's so hard to wear a mask all day.

Other people might want to go to Bora Bora, or some places exotic like that, but but I will just want to go outside without a mask because then I feel like everything will be put in place and normal.

I also will like to go see my grandma more often. I will even take her to a movie with me and my parents and have fun. Right now, that can't happen because we are stuck with COVID-19 until everyone gets the shot.



Planning for Indoor Fun Trips



By Giuliana Baldo
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After this whole **covid-19** thing is over, I am looking forward to going to public fun-centers like Thrillz and **Bounce** because my sister and I used to go there all the time and both those places are very entertaining, and fun. In Thrillz, I've always wanted to try using the zipline and falling into the gigantic air bag, but I never got a chance because of COVID.



I also think that my baby sister **Francesca** would love to play in Bounce, and I really think she misses out on things because of COVID. I feel like Francesca could go into the baby area of Bounce and play in the little foam pit, and she could go on the swings. My older sister Valentina also misses out on other things too, because my parents are strict about indoor fun places.

Eager to Visit Guatemala Again!



**By Jonathan Rivera
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After this pandemic ends, I am going to go to my home country/town. It's Guatemala. It's been six years since I've been there and I miss everything about it.



But since COVID started, I was going to go but it never happened because of the pandemic. I was really sad because I did not know if my family was safe and sound over there.

The numbers of cases just kept adding up and with more COVID cases, there was quarantine. You had to wear a mask everywhere you went because it protects you and gives you a lower chance of getting infected.

What I am also going to do is go into one of my favorite stores without a mask and not have to wait in a line to get it or social distance, I can give a hand to my friends and so much more.

Hopefully this year will be better than 2020 because 2020 was one of the worst years of all time.

First, a HUGE Party!



**By Justin Williams-Conroy
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The thing I want to do the most after the vaccine has reached enough people is, I want to have a ginormous party with all my friends and family to celebrate the vaccine. I have been waiting for something that can help humanity fight the virus. Once the virus is done everyone in the world will be able to see friends and family more often.

I also want to start having more sleepovers at my friend's house, see my cousins who live in Indiana because I haven't seen them in seven years, and visit my grandmother and my aunt.

Some other things I would like to do once the virus is gone is, I would like to go to a football game in the New York Giants stadium. One of my favorite places I would like to visit is the Rockefeller Center in New York City.

The last place I want to visit is Jamaica because I had my aunt's wedding there.



Plans to Visit Family In Denmark



**By Lia Babon
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When COVID is over, I want to go to Denmark to visit my family there.

After COVID-19, I might be moving some place warm and near more family.

When COVID is over, I hope I can walk into stores without masks and I can see my family and friends more and see them without masks.

After COVID, I will be able to enter more sports and go places without masks. I can do travel sports and travel to Italy with my grandma and have larger groups of friends over and go out into fun places with them.

When COVID is over, I am planning on getting a job to help my parents, to save up and to be able to buy my own things. I plan on going on hikes and going camping and walking into the stores and places with no masks, going to birthdays without masks and celebrating with more than just one or two other people. That's what I am going to do, and so much more.



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Sports and Family Top My Post-Pandemic List



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This is what I will do when there are no restrictions. I am going to hang out with my friends when it is all done.

Another thing I will do is have a big party to celebrate. Also, I will play all the sports that got shut down because of restrictions. I will be able to go on vacation.



Also, I would be able to see my grandparents because I was not able to because of COVID 19.

Then I would celebrate by not having to wear a mask in the stores that I go to or anything. Also, then I will go to school without having an issue about mask or rules about COVID.

Then I would be able to see all my family who I could not see. That is what I would do if the COVID 19 restrictions went away. That would make my life better because they're all gone.

Beach Vacation Would Be Great!



**By Libby Hochman
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After the pandemic is over, the first thing normal thing I would want to do is to go on a family vacation somewhere warm and a place with a beach.

I would want to do this as the first normal thing after the pandemic because since we have been stuck in the house for SO long, it would be nice to go somewhere else and especially be able to go somewhere else without a mask. And going on a family vacation would be a change of scenery, instead of my being in my house the entire day and just staring at a screen the entire day because there is nothing else to do.

Also, the pandemic would be over so I would be able to go to the beach, go shopping without a mask, eat out without a mask, and do all that without worrying about social distance, wearing a mask, and worrying about catching anything.



It Would Be Great to Go Out Without a Mask



**By Emily Mladenovic
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The first thing that I will do post-COVID-19 is actually go out without a mask on. I would do this because it's been almost a year that we have had to wear a mask going out anywhere (to the store, the park, school etc.). So going out and actually being able to breathe the actual air would be a blessing.



Also, I realized during COVID that going out without a mask would feel a lot more different because when people cough and sneeze in the store, those particles go everywhere and now it just feels gross to not go anywhere without a mask.

I would also go on a family vacation because almost everyone's plans for their vacations have been cancelled, so now after COVID is gone, we could be able to go on a trip somewhere without having to worry.

The last thing I would do is being able to actually have family over because there have been so many times where we had to cancel because someone would get sick and we wouldn't want to risk any of the older people so we couldn't go.

Pool Parties, Hershey Park And A 2020 Birthday!



**By Sam Seagrist
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I have many plans for "after." I want to hang out with my friend Gabe because his parents are very strict. I want to see all my friends.

I want to go to Hershey Park. I want to go to the Rolling Loud hip hop festival with my friends. There's going to be a lot I want.

I want to have pool parties at my friend's house because I don't have a pool. I want to have a free summer so I can do anything. I want to go on Andrew's boat every day. That is not realistic, but I want to go a lot more than I did over last summer.

I want to have more people over my house because I have a trampoline that I got over quarantine, and I am redoing my room.

Another thing that I want to do is have my 2020 birthday. I have not done that yet. That is about it.



A Yearning for Travel After COVID



By Marty Curma
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If the world goes back to normal, I will most likely go to the beach. The beach I go to is packed with people all the time, and it is a big COVID hazard for all the people on the beach.



Another thing I would most likely do is go skiing because it is just an activity I do for fun and it is fun, and with COVID, it is dangerous to go because it would be hard cleaning and washing all the rentals, doors, seats, chairlifts and lockers.

Another thing I would most likely do when the world goes back to normal is travel. Traveling is one of my favorite things to do in the world, going to see new places, going to do something fun there, and hanging out with family. These are the things that I would do if the world went back to normal again.

Looking Forward to Camelback and Aquatopia



By Ryan Hunter
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The first thing I am going to do is go to "Camelback". Camelback is a water park and ski mountain so depending on when this all over, hopefully I will get to do one of the two.

There is also another place called "Aquatopia", Aquatopia is an indoor water park



down the road from Camelback so it is kind of like two trips in one, and what so cool about Aquatopia is that it has the slide called the Venus Flytrap and how it works is like this:

1. So first you are put in this giant raft with four other people and then you get pushed down this huge drop.
2. Then you start going in these kind of ball thing were you go side to side.
3. Then you get to this huge mouth where you go side to side and then go down another path which takes you to the end of the slide.

A Plan to Go Someplace Warm



By Angie Perez
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These would be my future plans after the whole pandemic.

My mega one thing would be to go on vacation with my family. We would always fly to a hot place, like we did in 2019 to Mexico. Also, when COVID-19 is all gone I am going to burn all the masks I own.



I would also like to go shopping without a mask. I would go to a restaurant with my family for

hours and enjoy it.

Seeing my friends would also be a huge deal, because now you can't really have sleepovers or anything like that anymore.

It will take a couple years for COVID-19 to be gone, but if it was gone, there would be that group of people still wearing a mask just in case of another disease. There still would be vaccines going on and the really scary thing of the virus is that people would still be wearing masks and gloves.

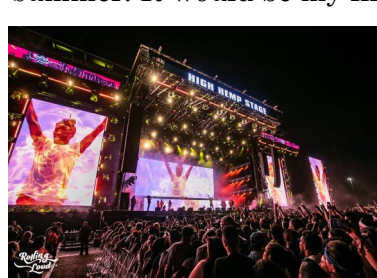
Rolling Loud Would Be a Great Festival



By Andrew Reynolds
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My plans after COVID-19 are to go on my boat with my friends and have friends over and go down south with my family.

Once COVID-19 is over, I want to go to Rolling Loud (Hip Hop Festival) in the summer. It would be my first concert ever!



Also, I would like to go down to Bethany Beach with some of my friends and I would like to go to a basketball game (I would like it to be the Nets).

I would also like to see my friend from the Bronx—that would be so fun. Also, I would like to see my friend from down south. She is so fun to hang out with.

It would be great to see a football game. And a college football game would be nice.

I would like to go to some other places because I haven't been anywhere in a while. So that's what I will do in the post-pandemic world.

'Normal' School Tops the List Post-COVID



**By Vince Pomponi
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I think that the first normal thing is we can finally get back to normal school and see all of our friends, not just half of them.

Also we won't have to wear masks anymore, LETS GO!

But the first normal thing that I am probably going to do is go to the arcade with my nonna and my brother because before COVID started, we used to go with any free time we had to pass some quality time and we would go bowling with my dad or to Grand Prix with his girlfriend and her two sons, and we used to go on the American Ninja warrior course.



I also think that when COVID ends, my nonna is going to Italy to see her brother, since she has not seen him in awhile. I also think we are probably going to go to a restaurant, although we are already doing that and when we go skiing, we could sit full capacity in the lodge since it is only 25% allowed now and there won't be only 3 people on a ski lift any more.

But the main thing is getting back to normal school because I have friends who I haven't seen in a year because of COVID so I can finally see them and that is what I will do when COVID ends.

Trip to Hawaii Would be a Real Treat



**By Olivia Wiegand
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After COVID-19 I am looking forward to being able to see my grandma in a nursing home because I have not been able to see her since March and I really want to see and visit her because I miss her and miss being able to see her face to face instead of on Facetime.

Another thing I want to do after COVID-19 is go on a family trip to Hawaii because my dad used to live there. And we were going to go this summer but then COVID-19 came and we were not able to go. I have wanted to go to Hawaii for a few years but we always went somewhere else.

I want to go to Hawaii because there's a lot of cool things you can do there that you can't do in New York and there is a lot of nice sunsets and beaches and you can see non-active volcanoes and other cool things!!



Looking Forward to Sports and Sleep-Away Camp



**By Noah Hechler
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What I would do when everything is back to normal is I would play soccer with my team and go to practices without wearing a mask.

I would go to my sleep away camp in Pennsylvania, called Camp Westmont. I



would hang out with my grandparents because I haven't been able to hug them or go anywhere near them because of COVID 19. I would go to some soccer camps and basketball camps during the

breaks. I would go to this community pool I belong to in the summer and swim all the time.

Another thing is I would have a mini Bar Mitzvah party because my big one got cancelled and that is a big thing to me. I would also hang out with my camp friends. We're really lose but we haven't been able to hang out because they live really far away and it was too dangerous to hang out with COVID.

Hoping to See Grandparents Soon



**By Nick Goncalves
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The first thing that I am going to do when COVID is done is go to my grandparents' house with no mask on, and get to hang out with them

and talk to them and not have to worry about the virus or getting my grandpa or grandma sick.

Also, I can visit my aunt who lives near them and can see my cousins who I have not seen in a long time and I can play soccer with them and

board games with them and watch a movie that we wanted to see at my grandpa's house.

I can also spend time with the dog they have and spend holidays with them like Christmas and Thanksgiving and Easter.

Finally, I can help my Grandma with her yard and her house and help her with the food. This would be what I would do when the virus is over.



Hanging Out With Friends Without Masks



By Justin Thomas
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If I had to list the things I would do after this pandemic and getting back to normal with no masks and no more social distancing, I would do many things.

The first thing I would do when it is safe and there is no more pandemic, is I would go and see my friends and hang out with them.



Then I would want to throw a big party with my friends and celebrate about that COVID-19 is gone and no more wearing masks.

Then I would love to go see my family and spend a lot of time with them and hang out.

Also probably, if I could, I would ask my parents if we could go somewhere on vacation and go on a plane because with COVID-19, you couldn't go on a plane with a lot of people. I think we would have a lot of fun. I would like to go to Florida because that is where we mostly go on vacation with my family.

Lastly, if the coronavirus went away, I would just have a great time having a normal life and hanging out with my friends.

It Would Be Great Just to do SOMETHING with My Family After COVID

By Matthew Giudice
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What I am going to do post-pandemic is I am going to go somewhere with my family.

I might go to visit my cousins. We might go to the beach. My family and I might go on a very long vacation. All I know is that my family and I are going to do **something**.



professional games 10 times better.

What I also strongly dislike because of COVID-19 is having to wear a mask everywhere. Especially at school. At school it feels terrible having to wear a mask. I hope the coronavirus stops soon and everything can get back to normal.

Getting Out of the House Is the Major Goal



By Juliana Maffei
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The first thing that I am going to do in our post-pandemic era is go on a family trip. My family and I love to travel to new places. But due to the pandemic, travelling is very unsafe.

We love getting out of the house and seeing new places. We were supposed to travel to the Bahamas last April, but sadly, our flight was canceled. We also wanted to go to Mexico for Christmas break, but we decided it's not a good idea and it could be risky.

My family and I have been staying inside our house mostly every day and we want to get out and go somewhere fun. So, as soon as this pandemic is over, we will pack our bags and head out to somewhere new. I'm hoping to go to Mexico because we usually meet our friends there and we have a lot of fun. I am really looking forward to traveling again!



Hoping to Visit Albania



By Bledin Rexhepi
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One thing I'm going to do when the pandemic is over is I'm going to go visit my mom's family in Albania. I can't go do this now because my mom and I are scared that when we go out of this country and then go to another country and come back, we can get the coronavirus.



Another thing I can't do because of the pandemic is take off my mask when I go to school because it's mandatory.

The third thing I can't do because of the pandemic is I can't go to the movies because they are now closed.

The fourth thing I can't do because of the pandemic is to go to Florida. I can't go to Florida because I will have to quarantine for 14 days and do Zoom and that will not be that fun.

I can't do all these things because of the pandemic.