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Hybrid Vs E-Learning



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There are pros and cons to both hybrid and e-learning.

A pro of hybrid learning is that you get a chance to leave your house and see your friends. A con of hybrid learning is that you unfortunately may be exposed to Covid 19.

A pro of e-learning is that you do not have a chance of being exposed at school. A con is that after 11 months of quarantine, you are still isolated in your house.

A pro of hybrid learning is that you have an opportunity to see your teachers in person and create a better relationship with them. A con is that it may be dangerous to be around them or for them to be around you.

A pro of e-learning is that you still get to see your teachers and you are in a safe environment. A con is that you still do not know your teachers as well as you would during a normal year.



Kevin Currie from Northeastern University said "a pro of e-learning is that it's proven to provide deeper and more effective learning. If the previous four reasons haven't convinced you of the advantages of hybrid learning yet, a study by the U.S. Department of Education

might. The study, "Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices in Online Learning," compiled research from more than a thousand studies that measured the effectiveness of online, hybrid, and in-person learning.

The main takeaway from the report was that students found hybrid learning to be the most effective form of learning."

Sunil Gupta from e-learning industry said "Online learning accommodates everyone's needs. The online method of learning is best suited for everyone. This digital revolution has led to remarkable changes in how the content is accessed, consumed, discussed, and shared. Online educational courses can be taken up by office goers etc, at the time that suits them. Depending on their availability and comfort, many people choose to learn at weekends or evenings."

Thank you for reading my article and I hope it was helpful.

Editor's Note: This issue of The Tusker Tribune continues with most of our writers exploring what they'll do in a post-pandemic world!



Beach Party Would Be Memorable



By Sofia Calandrucci
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The first thing I am so excited about doing when Corona kinda calms down is having a HUGEEE party with food, a DJ, and all my friends.

I want to party down and just have fun hanging out with them without a mask and just give them a hug. And not get yelled at for it.

I also want to take a limousine down to the city and go to a rooftop restaurant in cute outfits, then take pictures, and post on Instagram while having fun and dancing to our favorite music.

I want to just see their smiles without the mask on and when we get home, all of my friends who are girls would have a sleepover and the boys would stay until midnight.

In the morning, we would go to LBJ and we would wake up very early to watch the sunrise while sitting on the beach in our bathing suits. We would spend a WHOLE week and then jam out on the way home with our new tan lines and our hair blowing in the fresh air.



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Normal, Non-Mask Activities Are Great



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What I would do when things go back to normal?

Well, I have no clue what I would do. But if I had to choose one, it would be going to a public place without a mask. When I do that, it would feel like 2019—just going out without having to wear a mask and get worried I'll get sick.

Ever since COVID 19 started, I wanted it to be over. I cannot see my friends because they're in quarantine, or their parents fear COVID 19. Then I would want



school to go back to normal. Like having lockers and switching classes because I miss that.

ALL students in middle school should have their chance to experience middle school activities, like going on that climbing trip we went on last year right before we got shut down.

Lastly, I would go to Florida because in March, I went there right when we shut down. I did not get to go on any rides! Even my dad said no. No other kid should have to go through this tough year. My dad didn't when he was a kid. I told him that this was all happening for a reason; we just must wait for the opening.

My Food List for After COVID



**By Alexander Lewandowski
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Once COVID-19 is over, I would probably have this huge party with all my family members that includes my family friends, my friends and my grandma, grandpa and my aunt. Once my friends, family and everyone else comes over, my friends and I will try to convince my mom and my dad.

If that doesn't work, then I would play outside, play video games and do a lot more fun things. Then I would go to the grocery store **WITHOUT A MASK** and then I would get the ingredients for s'mores and for a cake to eat later with my friends.

When I would get home, I would set up all the things that includes the s'mores, steak and the cake for dessert. Once dinner is over, we would get dessert which was the cake **WHICH LOOKED SOOO GOOD** it had chocolate batter and vanilla frosting.

After that, we would go outside and bake s'mores.



Football Without a Mask!



**By Dean Palazzolo
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I am probably going to play football without a mask because we haven't played football in a long time but when we did practice, we had to wear a mask and that made it harder to run.

Also, this is going to be our last year playing in youth football. Next year, we are going to play for high school and may never see the same kids in high school that we do now. Also, we may never see our coaches again.

Another thing is that we may never be able to go back to the West Point football field if we are in the championship.

Also, I know some kids are moving next year so I want to play one more year of football with them and also hangout with them.

Another thing is there's one team that we beat sometimes but they mostly beat us and I want to beat them before we go to high school.



Sleepovers and Dancing Are Top Post-COVID Activities



**By Juliet Gherardi
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If the pandemic wasn't around, I would have a big sleepover with all my friends. I would like to have a sleepover because I haven't had one in seven months.

I also haven't seen some of my friends because they are e-learners, or they are in a different cohort. I also think it would be fun to have a sleepover because we can do normal things like watch a movie and play games and eat pizza.



Another thing I would do if the pandemic wasn't around is just to take a walk and not have to worry about wearing a mask. I would like to go to my favorite restaurants and eat inside without a mask.

But most importantly, I would like to go into my dance studio without wearing a mask, I would like to dance closely to my friends like I used to. I wish I could still do the old dances that our teacher had to take away because of COVID.

Lastly, I wish I could go to school daily and not have to wear a mask. Those are all the things I would do if there wasn't a pandemic.

A Vacation in a Warm Spot Would Be Terrific



**By Frank Iluzzi
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Something I would like to do once the pandemic is over is go on vacation. Vacation is a lot of fun for me and my family. I would like to do this because you cannot go any place without having to quarantine right now. You would not have to worry about quarantine. Another thing is that half the things to do on vacation are closed. Also, the restaurants are closed and if they are



open, they are at half capacity.

I would like to go somewhere warm and tropical. I like going to the beach and swimming and other water sports.

If you went to the pool, you would not have to worry about swimming too close to somebody or sitting too close to somebody. It would be great to relax on vacation and not have to worry about getting covid-19. I cannot wait until this pandemic is over. I am looking forward to going on vacation.

Atlantis Trip Would Be Back On After Pandemic



**By Jordan Millar
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What I would first do when the pandemic is over would be to go to Atlantis in the Bahamas. That would be the first thing

I would want to do because I go to Aruba every year for about a week and a half or two weeks.



But this year, we were supposed to go to Atlantis in the Bahamas and it was going to be my first time there. The hotel that we were going to stay at has one of the big-

gest water parks and pools in the world. It also is a island so there is a ocean which I really like. It also has some water slides that start from the pool and go to the ocean and you are able to see fish and some other animals in the ocean while you are in the water slide, so I really was excited to go.

But then we had to cancel it because of COVID. That's why that would be the first thing I would do when the pandemic is over.

A Long List of Activities Planned For After COVID



**By Zoe MacSweeney
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The first thing I would do if COVID-19 were over is go to my grandparents because they live right next to my house. I would have spent the entire day with them because I missed them. Then, after that, I would have seen all my friends to have a huge sleep over and the day after that, I would go to Miami because my parents want to go there again so we would be there. And then we would go to Ireland to see my cousins and hang.

We would also foster another dog to help out the animal shelter, because some people might return the animals they adopted during COVID.

Those are just some of the things I would do if COVID-19 were over.



Looking Forward to a California Trip



**By Chloe Lee
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If it were back to normal, I would go to California. The first reason is that my cousin lives there, and I want to see him more often. The second reason is that, in California, the weather is nice and not too hot or not too cold.

The third reason is that one of my favorite places in California is called Universal Studios. The last reason is that there are many famous places there. For example, Hollywood is one of the main places that everyone knows.

The reason why I want to go to California is probably mostly that my cousin lives next to famous places or places where people mostly know. An example is they live next to In n' Out Burgers and Great Wolf Lodge, and Universal is only one hour away.

I would also like to go skiing with my friends because I would say it is my hobby to ski and I like it very much.



Ice Hockey and Trips are On my After COVID List



**By Simon Szabo
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What I would do once everything goes back to normal and everyone gets the vaccine is that I would try out for the ice hockey team and I would be very happy to not wear a mask again.



I would also go to my summer camp in Canada and hangout with my friends who I have not seen in a very long time.

I would also go on a trip where I would see all my cousins and uncles and aunts in Chicago once the pandemic will be over.

What I would also be doing is going to amusement parks normally and not having to wear a mask on the rides. I would also be able to go to waterparks and ski resorts that are good.

Another trip would be to visit my grandpa in Europe.

These are things I would do if everything went back to normal.

Anticipating a Great Tackle Football Season



**By Tristan Iglesias
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The first thing I will do when the pandemic ends is going to play tackle football with my friends and play against the other teams.

I miss playing tackle football so much because the feeling of scoring a touchdown is so awesome. It feels so good and I haven't felt that feeling in a long time so I can't wait to feel that feeling again.

Another feeling I can't wait to feel is to win a game. Winning a game feels so good, especially when it's a championship game because when you win that game, you see how you and your team worked together with teamwork to win a big game, which my team did before, so I can't wait to feel that again.

Another reason I can't wait to feel the feeling of winning the championship is because you now know that all the hard work you put into wins paid off. That's why I can't wait to play tackle football again.



Hugging My Family Would Be a Terrific Treat



**By Anelise Bobadilla
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Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, our family has been taking many precautions. For example, we do not spend time together with anybody. If possible, we stay six feet apart. So, the first thing that I look forward to doing when this pandemic is over, is to hang out with my friends and family. To at least give them a hug and not have to wear a mask.

During this pandemic, many of us do not even think about getting on a plane to visit people. We all want to, but we know that it is not safe. I really want this pandemic to be over. Most people are not privileged to have great grandparents. Well, we are, and we know that they are getting older. Thank goodness my great grandma has no health problems, but my great grandpa has diabetes and congestive heart failure. So, we are very worried about him.

All I want to do is to hug my family.



Beach Trip Would be Tremendous After COVID



**By Jayden Newman
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The first thing I would want to do after the pandemic is to go on a family trip to somewhere that is hot and has a beach.

I would like to go to the beach so I can run around or go in the water without a mask, or go for a walk around the beach town and not have to worry about having a mask on.

There would be so many more things to do, too, like going to a water park down there because the pandemic is over so most things will open back up.

I would want to go down to the beach with my family and another family that we are really close to so while the parents get ready for dinner or something, we can walk around outside or ride bikes all around the town at night when we can't go to the beach.

I am really looking forward to this because you can't do much right now, I hope this pandemic will all be over very soon.



Competing Against Other Teams Would be a Great Change



By Kate Seeger
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Something I might do when all of this gets back to normal is, I might go hang out with my cousins and grandparents. I would do this because when we saw them, we had to stay outside and wear our masks.



I want to also go on vacation, but I think that that is taking it a little too far and I think we should start off slow and work our way up.

I would also like to have an actual soccer or basketball game. I would want this because we have not played any other teams and we have just played with ourselves and did drills. Finally, I would like to have a small get together with my friends because I have not seen them in a while all together with no masks.

Those are the three things that I would like to do when all of this is back to normal.

Looking Forward to the Family Trip to Jamaica



By Hudson Ruby
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If the whole world was relaxed and there was no COVID-19 I would go to Jamaica. I want to go to Jamaica because for spring break in 2020, my family and I were going on a trip to Jamaica. The trip sadly got canceled due to COVID-19!! I am pretty sure that

we are going to Jamaica in 2022!



Also, I would have a big sleepover with all my friends, and we would stay up all night going outside and playing man hunt

and eating junk food.

I would also probably skip school and go to a trampoline park and learn how to do a backflip and try not to break my neck. I would also ride my bike for as long as I could.

I would take all my masks and put them in a pile and get my dad's paper shredder and I would shred the masks into the smallest pieces ever. I would go to a movie theater and watch all the movies.

Finally, we could play football at recess without any of the monitors yelling at us.

Alex's 'Top 9 List' for After COVID



By Alex DiPasquale
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One thing I will do if it goes back to normal is, I am going to have a lot of kids over for a sleep over.

The second activity is that I am going to have a lot of people for a big birthday party.

Another activity I will do is go to a restaurant.

A fourth activity will be to bring all of my masks, and burn them.

Then I will go to the movies and watch a lot of them in an actual theater.

The sixth thing to look forward to is actually having fun at recess.

The seventh thing is I would go to a trampoline park for a whole day.

The eighth thing is that I will high five Hudson, Troy, Kieran, Tristan, Cam, Damien, and Kieran.

My last thing is I will go outside and yell, *"I am not afraid any more."*



Skiing in Lake Placid is Top On My List



By Kieran Ryan
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When we go back to normal and COVID-19 is over, I would first go skiing in Lake Placid. I would go skiing in Lake Placid because my original trip got cancelled, and we normally go with my cousins.

Normally, it is the best time of the year and the second I get out of quarantining from COVID-19, that what I am going to do.

But if I sadly cannot do that right away, I am going to throw a big party with all my friends, and we would go to like a tree climbing park or another outdoor activity place and hang out there for the day. Hopefully, most of my friends could stay very late, until midnight.

And the final thing I would do (but this will probably happen first) is play all my sports without worrying if they will get pushed back or cancelled.

That is what I would do when I get out of quarantine from COVID-19.



No Masks, and a Return to Class Trips!!!!



By Altina Brahimaj
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One thing I want to do when the pandemic is over is walk around without a mask in public, because masks are annoying and make it difficult to breathe sometimes.



Also, I forget to wear a mask when I need it, and it is difficult to know which person is taking to me because they have masks on. And sometimes, my mask hurts my ears because the mask string is tight on my

ears.

Another thing I want to do when the pandemic is over is to go on field trips with my class. We're supposed to go to the Bronx Zoo and Splashdown Beach, and we get to miss schoolwork and we get to do a lot of great things on these trips. For example, we get to see great animals and we also get to go and have fun at a water park.



This are two thing I look forward to doing someday after the pandemic is over.

And Now, a (Fictional) 'After Pandemic' World View



By Peter Brennan
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Humanity has been destroyed, societies have collapsed, and you are all alone in an apocalyptic world.

The first thing I would do is scavenge for supplies so I can last as long as possible, I would look for canned foods mainly, and bottled water or drinks that can last a long time.

Next, I would begin looking for weapons because the remaining people on the planet do not care about the rules anymore, I would also need the weapons for any animals as well.



I would need resources as well because I might be able to make makeshift weapons or barricades. I could also use these resources to upgrade my base.

Next, I would venture farther out looking for people who needed help. I would bring them back to my base and help them get better. Once they are well rested and ready for battle, I would ask them to join me in my adventures. If they say yes, we will scavenge together and fight together. If they say no, I will take all their resources and leave them for dead. You must remember that in these times, it's survival of the fittest.

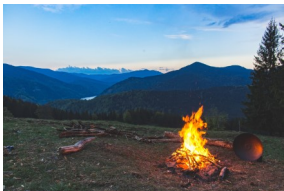
Once I get my bearings, I would start a colony and survive the apocalypse.

Pool Party, Camping, Skiing On My Post-COVID List



By Andrew Underkoffler
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When COVID has settled down, I will have a very big pool party with all my friends and family and there'll be drinks, food, and snacks and then later that day, I'll have a sleepover with some my lgood friends.



After that, I'll try and go on a camping trip with my dad at his brother-in-law's, and will go fishing, sleep out in the woods, go kayaking, eat together and I may also bring my dog.

I also want to go on a really big ski trip with my family since we all ski and we love to do it and then we will get season passes for our favorite mountain and then ski there.

I would lso like to learn how to snowboard. I like building jumps in my backyard so I'll do that and then I'll invite some of my friends up and we can ski and snowboard together and have really good time.

2020 sucked, but now it's 2021 so things will be better and should settle down.

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