

CO•VID•19 *noun*

[kō-vid-nīn-'tēn]

1 A global pandemic that shook the world—closed schools¹, shut businesses, grounded flights, canceled sports², rainchecked weddings, halted the economy³, mandated work from home⁴, socially distanced people, and ruined any sense of normalcy; yet cleaned the air, increased family time⁵, sparked creativity out of boredom⁶, birthed new skills⁷, unmasked superheroes like the doctors and nurses on the front lines⁸, and made acts of kindness go viral⁹—*defining* a moment in history.

¹ Classes on Zoom, no prom, no graduation, no tuition relief

² Bye to March Madness, NBA, Wimbledon, summer sports, etc.; see you in 2021, Olympics

³ Cancel the rent! Unemployment at an all-time high. When do we get stimulus checks?

⁴ Professionals lead conference calls in their underwear; what day is it?

⁵ Parents' appreciation for caretakers and teachers skyrocket

⁶ Rube Goldberg machines FTW!

⁷ Look at this loaf of bread I baked!

⁸ To our essential workers, incl. grocers, chefs, food deliverers, sanitation and transit workers, thank you.

⁹ From homemade PPE to checking on neighbors and virtual hugs, we are all in this together.