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## **COVID-19: From an Epidemic to a Pandemic (a Student's Version)**

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The first cases were reported

I didn't expect my life to change much, but then...

Seattle became the epidemic center!!!

It felt like I was in a zombie apocalyptic movie

On Friday, March 13, Governor Inslee announced statewide school closures

Uncertainty and upheaval plagued Washington

Stores were overcrowded and carts were filled to the top

Food aisles were emptied out

Not to mention there wasn't any toilet paper in sight

Nonessential business later shut down

"Stay home, stay healthy" embodied the rest of the year

Work from home it was

Avoid getting sick or risk the consequences of testing positive

Within months it became a pandemic

A previously unknown virus turned into an infectious disease outbreak

And that isn't even all...