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As the world rapidly changes with the hardships of a global pandemic of COVID-19 that spread rapidly worldwide in March 2020, people are regularly confronted with isolation and risk. But yet, at the same time, people everywhere are taking measures to ensure the safety of themselves and others. Medical staff are at the frontlines, working long hours to aid those in need, even when information on the disease was minimal. Grocery stores are managing crowds of shoppers to ensure social distancing guidelines, a sufficient number of supplies, and cleanliness. And changes are even seen on college campuses as attempts at normalcy are made via campus-wide safety measures and trust and responsibility amongst close peers. Despite these uncertain times, we are starting to see fear turn into comfort as the efforts of others get recognized.



“It was shocking that for the first time, in the middle of the afternoon, I witnessed my local Publix uncrowded, especially by the produce section.”

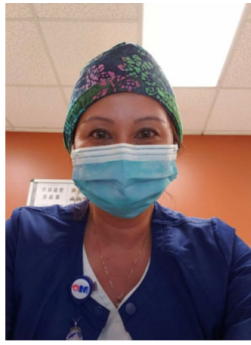
-Jennifer Fanea, Student



A sign reading “ONE WAY” rests on the floor, reminding BJ’s customers of the guidelines put in place by many stores across the country.



In the stress of the pandemic, many medical professionals are experiencing burnout. To remind these individuals of their importance and motivate their work, murals and paintings have been put around their place of work.



To ensure their safety and that of their patients, nurses wear masks and hair caps throughout their duties. Despite sacrificing their safety and health, their love for what they do keeps them working.



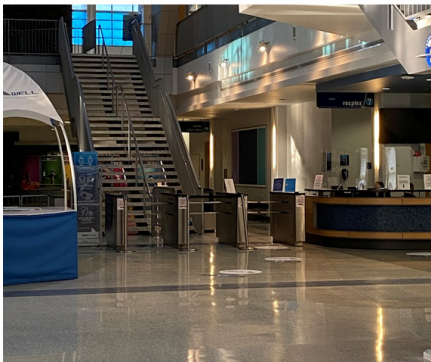
It is their love and passion for medicine and helping people and medicine that has motivated these hardworking individuals to march onward despite the pandemic weighing them down.



At the University Center, the traditional "Do Not Sit Here," signs laid out over campus are not present. There are a few posters suggesting social distancing. However, students are allowed to form their own groups and interact.



Students are given social distancing arrows to follow when ordering food at shops and stations.



You are able to go workout at the Recplex gym in the UC. However, in order to enter you must pass a mandatory temperature check.