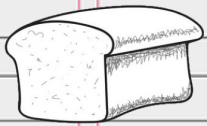


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Dear Coronavirus Journal,

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There are lots of things that people are doing now that they didn't normally do before. Many of these things are being done by LOTS of people.



Bake bread: People are shopping less so they are running out of bread before they run out of things like cheese, so they are trying to bake bread. We've tried to bake bread 3 times. First time; successful. Second time; unsuccessful. Third time: successful. We are planning on baking bread again on Wednesday.

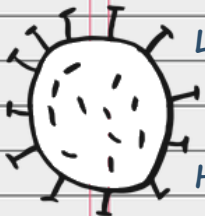
Signage on windows and glass doors: People are decorating their houses with colorful post-it notes, or just signs saying YOU ARE NOT ALONE or WE CAN DO THIS. The thought is when people take a walk outside you are brightening their days by giving them something to "find" while walking. People are also putting teddy-bears and other stuffed animals in windows. We did some sidewalk chalk and have noticed lots of signage in our neighborhood.

Taking walks: We've been told that walking, jogging, and bike riding are all safe. We now take a walk every day. This is advice everyone is hearing. On nice days there is a lot of walking traffic.



Running out of something: The big thing is toilet paper. We've gone to the store a few times looking for toilet paper and been unable to find it. We were saved by my brother-in-law. Thank goodness. He brought us 12 rolls and they are the MEGA rolls! We are good now.

Sewing a Mask: We are all dusting off our sewing machines and making protective masks. I've made one but will make another one. (Side note: I ended up sewing over 200 masks for friends and family!)



Learning new vocabulary: New words we didn't know before: Social Distancing, PPE (personal protective equipment), Coronavirus (the virus), COVID-19 (the disease), flattening the curve.

Home haircuts: We've been social distancing for over a month now. Hair is growing! I heard a radio show yesterday where a guy cut his hair over a Zoom call with a beautician giving tips. It was funny. My next-door-neighbor cut her husband's hair on the porch and it was cute to see them doing that.

Let's see what else we learn before this is all over with! - Suzanne