

# Quarantine in Indonesia

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Hello, my name is Arqi. I am a former student at International School Groningen. Currently, I am a third year medical student at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the government of Indonesia encourages citizens to stay home. In some cities such as Jakarta, the government has enforced a rule called PSBB (Pembatasan Sosial Berskala Besar) where they ban activities involving large numbers of people such as school, workplaces, religious activities, non-essential shops, public gatherings, and public transport. However, this was not applied in my city so there are still people wandering around here.

I live with my mom, grandma, my uncle and his family. So there are 7 people in my house. My family and I have stayed home for the most part. We only go out when we need to buy food. If we want things then we would order it online. The pandemic has not affected us that much financially because my mom, uncle, and aunt can still work from home.

My routine activities have changed quite a bit during quarantine. I wake up later than usual. Because a lot of my lecturers are doctors, they have less time to give lectures so I would get assignments instead of lectures a lot of the time. Honestly I would rather have online lectures, get the main points, and do further reading on my own from those points. So, when I do get an online lecture, I am more grateful than before.

Since I have a lot more free time than before, I have been rediscovering my passions. One of them is drawing. I bought some oil pastels, looked up tutorials on the internet, and proceeded to draw. I was really happy with the pieces that I made. I attached some of the artworks that I made. I hope you like it 😊.

Recently, my cousin and I got into baking because my mom bought an oven. We baked cookies, brownies, lava cakes, and many more. We also tried making doughnuts and churros. I was so happy that everything turned out good because I was only hoping that it would be edible.

Ramadhan is also happenig during this pandemic. So these days I have been fasting from around 4 am until 6 pm. Usually, this month would have been very festive in my country, especially at the end when we have the Eid Al-Fitr. However, this time it just feels like any other day.

Other than that, I have tried to keep excercising however I can so that I can stay healthy. I spend a lot of my free time playing online games with my friends. This helps make the quarantine feel less lonely. Sometimes we would also just do a group video call and just chat. I hope the pandemic ends soon so that everything can go back to normal and I can meet my friends again.

