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I wear a mask, I have since March. It's easy for me to see the benefits that it has, I understand however that others may not feel this same way. For those of you that struggle with it I ask, what things are stripped from you when you have to wear a mask? Are you potentially having to give up playing the sport you love? Are you missing out on your college graduation and the celebrations that typically follow? Have you been forced to cancel your annual vacation that you look forward to every year? Was your baby shower postponed again? Did you recently become engaged and are now having to question whether you plan a wedding or wait for things to normalize? Did a loved one pass away and your family is having to wait to plan a funeral? Is your grandparent in a nursing home and you can't visit them? These are the things that people are missing out on because of covid. I am in no way stating that wearing a mask is going to cure this pandemic. However, I do believe that it can help prevent it from spreading, I believe that it may help flatten the curve, I believe that it can help us get back to normal sooner rather than later. Wearing a mask will help keep us safe. Wearing a mask does not take ANYTHING from you. Refusing to keep others safe and help prevent the spread of this illness, takes so much from you and others. If you can't find it in yourself to wear a mask to protect yourself, wear it for those that are missing out on so many important things.

-Emma Gates

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