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L.O. To write a balanced argument

In this article, I will be discussing the impact of a second lockdown with advantages and disadvantages of these tighter restrictions.

We may all be safer with this second lockdown as Coronavirus is spreading faster without tougher restrictions. In addition to this, teachers and other school staff are at higher risk while being in close contact with students whose families may have been in contact with the virus. Travelling abroad could spread the disease across Europe and, eventually, the world, as well as closer to home as symptoms often go unnoticed. Care home residents are at higher vulnerability as firstly, all residents are in close contact with each other, as well as being in an older age group. Even though only one person can socialize with another person in their bubble from a separate household, if one household has the disease, the other household could all still get the virus too. Hospitals are nearing full capacity with COVID patients, tests are not in full supply and the two current vaccines cannot be given to all of the population so less of them are immune. Almost certainly, the new variant of the virus may mean another vaccine to be created, so therefore, the NHS and scientists need more time without the worry of extra COVID-19 patients.

Though it looks like a good idea to have a second lockdown, there are a considerable amount of drawbacks. For example, pupils cannot get the standard of education at home that they may have at school. Small businesses may not survive if they aren’t getting the standard income they usually would on a normal year, and we all know, last year and this year will be anything but normal. Moreover, people with mental health issues (such as anxiety and depression) and learning disabilities will not get the help they need. Stockpiling can mean people most in need can’t have the basics that are needed for them to survive. Finally, the virus is easily spreading across the UK which means Cancer patients or patients with any other illness cannot get seen as hospitals are full of Coronavirus patients.

There are many advantages of a second lockdown, but on the other hand, the disadvantages are equally important. In my opinion, I think the lockdown is a good idea because, even though there are a lot of downsides, the government could help out those in need and the majority of the population is safe at home.