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How is it that Chick-fil-A has a line down the street for the drive-through even when we are in a pandemic and advised to stay home?

My family was released from our month long quarantine this week, and the first place we unanimously insisted upon going was Chick-fil-A. While going to the popular fast food chain is an occasional treat, during a pandemic it seems to be something to anchor us to a bit of normalcy.

The efficiency of the restaurant has not changed, if anything they are more efficient than ever, promptly serving golden sandwiches. Workers wear masks and gloves, as do many drivers in the line. But no one seems anxious about the risk of contracting coronavirus at Chick-fil-A.

Is the risk of going worth it? Are the nuggets that good?

While many restaurants are creating GoFundMe accounts to stay afloat in these uncertain times or coming up with clever solutions, Chick-fil-A seems unphased. If I was not aware of the pandemic, life would seem perfectly normal when passing Chick-fil-A.

During rush hour, the streets of Charlotte are vacant except for the line at Chick-fil-A. I wonder why there is still a line, even when being told by the government to stay in your home. I do think that nuggets are great, but the pandemic has frightened many into stockpiling food, toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Yet, no one is avoiding Chick-fil-A.

Maybe the food chain is a sliver of normalcy, something we can look forward to when the end to this madness does not appear close in sight. We can look forward to waiting in line at Chick-fil-A, as it is guaranteed that no matter the state of the world, there will be a line at Chick-fil-A. It is comforting and makes things feel somewhat normal, even for just a second.

