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Episodic LOGLINE

A Group of Tweens already struggling to find balance in their lives, quickly realize their daily troubles are nothing compared to growing up during a **Global Pandemic**



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Episodic **SYNOPSIS**

Everyday Problems of overfilled schedules, stress from school, lack of focus, misaligned priorities, parental pressures, and navigating the harshness of middle school social dynamics are causing their lives to **Spiral Out of Control.**

Thanks to one special teacher, they receive the guidance needed to find balance in their lives when all of a sudden she taken away. These are the early days of the **Covid-19 Pandemic**, and the beginning of our story. A moment in time when no one knew what was happening, especially our children.

The loss of their mentor sends this close knit crew on a coming of age journey never taken before, forced to grow up faster than ever expected. They all make abrupt and sudden changes to their lives, they find a new hero in their coach, and quickly discover things weren't so bad compared to **Life in the New Normal** as the story unfolds across this provocative series.

For them, these are the **Worst Days of Their Lives.** For the viewer, it's an introspective look into content no one has successfully yet to capture: **What it is Like to Be a Tween Turning to Teen Living in a Pandemic?** More than just the quick sound bite on the News showing pity for our children, this episodic takes a deep dive into how the Covid-19 Pandemic has truly affected the young minds of our nation as told through personal stories derived from the actors who have just lived the worst year of their lives... **2020.**



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Cast **& CHARACTERS**

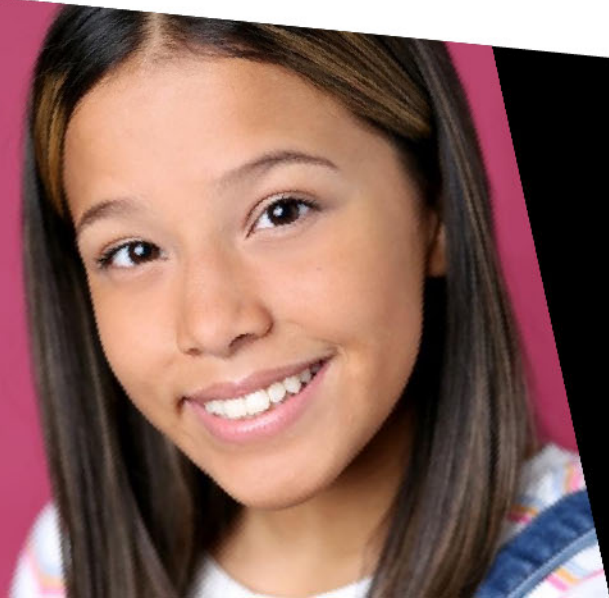


Role
CAMILA BUENO

Camila is a Latinx teen with a heart of gold. She loves her friends but she also loves, to sing, act and dance, and is always on the go.

Friendly & Outgoing...

She has a hard time between balancing her passions and spending time with her best friend Nancy.



Cast
ARIANNA PERALTA
creator & screenwriter





Role
NANCY MILLER

Whitty & Smart-Mouthed... Nancy is Camila's best friend, she tends to put her foot in her mouth and strike first rather than be insulted. Circumstances force her to take a new outlook on life as deep down inside all she wants is to spend time with the ones she loves.

Cast
RYLIE
COE



Role **CHLOE STEVENS**

A smart teen that can come off as a know it all. Chloe never has time to spend with her friends because she is always studying with a goal of graduating at the top of her class and attending Harvard. Her mom is the middle school teacher that helps the students find balance until she becomes the first victim forcing Chloe to re-evaluate her priorities in life.

Cast **SAYA WATKINS**

CATHERINE ERHARD

The crew's favorite Middle School teacher, Ms. Stevens is also a single mom always trying to spend more time with her daughter Chloe. She is a caring, but strict, striving to help her students achieve excellence. She is the balancing force for many of the kids until she becomes the first victim of the pandemic, leaving everyone she has mentored to fend for themselves and make critical life decisions without her.

Role **MS. STEVENS**





Role
JACOB PETERSON

Athletic and outgoing, Jacob is the only teen in the bunch. He is always playing a school sport, joining a league team or in constant training. Extremely passionate about sports, he has a hard time balancing time for school and his grades are suffering. Letting down Ms. Stevens, Jacob realizes his priorities are out-of-whack when she is no longer there and out of second chances.

JEREMIAH WILLIAMS **Cast**
JOSHUA BLACK

The ultimate gamer boy, Mason doesn't spend much time with his friends aside from Jacob. His priorities lie with esports and gaming competitions. Typically a good student, his grades have recently been falling as he stays up all night playing gaming tournaments. He too is out of second chances with Ms. Stevens and learns quickly that friends are more important than video games when she falls ill.

Role
MASON ADAMS



Role

TIFFANY ANDERSON

A very sassy teen, Tiffany is forced by her Mom to do a lot of activities she does not like. She is always speaking her mind to her friends, but not to her Mom. Instead, she does the things she hates to keep her Mom happy. It's not until after Ms. Stevens is taken away, and encouraged by her friends actions, that she finds the nerve to tell her Mother what she really wants and finally takes a stand for herself.

Cast **JASMYN COLEMAN**

MADISON ALSOBROOK

Tiffany's Older Sister is her #1 Cheerleader and Confidant. She is not afraid to call out their mother when she is being too pushy. Tiffany's Sister comes to the aid of of many in the crew during their greatest time of need when Ms. Stevens is taken to the hospital, replacing the crew's lost mentor and caring soul that genuinely just wants to help.

Role

TIFFANY'S SISTER





Role
TIFFANY'S MOM

A pushy mom, she will do anything to help her daughter make it big. Even if it means forcing Tiffany to things she doesn't want to do. Oblivious to her daughter's truest desires, she gets a rude awakening when Tiffany finally learns to stand up for herself.

Cast
YVETE FURTCH

Cast **LESTER GREENE**

Tough but fair, Coach Brandon pushes the kids, especially Jacob, to excel in fitness. Generally liked by all, he is the "cool" P.E. Teacher. Coach B. ascends to hero status when Ms. Stevens falls ill at school and later becomes the role model the kids look up to after she is gone.

Role
COACH BRANDON



Role
CAMILA'S MOM

A supportive mother, Camila's house is the go-to hangout for all her friends and her mother welcomes all. Culture is very important to her mom, ensuring Camila is fluent in Spanish and takes every chance to teach her daughter all about her heritage and ancestry.

Cast
ISABEL DE LA CRUZ



Season 1 PILOT & EPISODES





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days before**

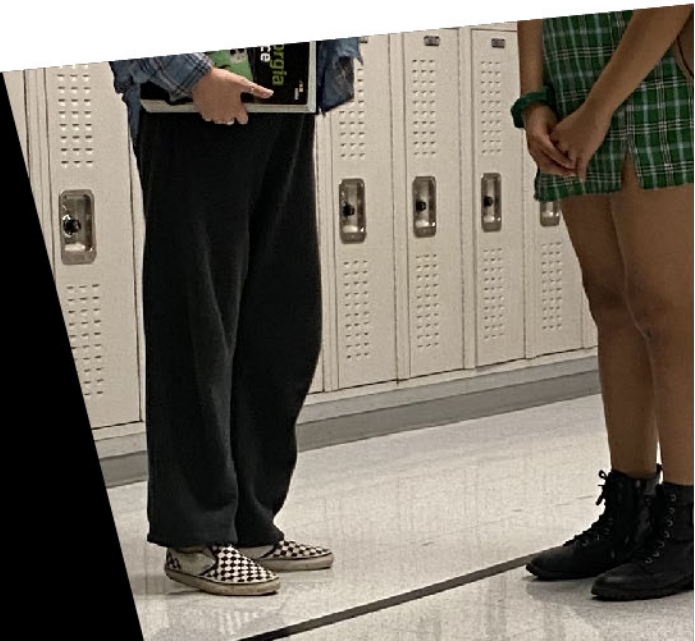
Pilot SYNOPSIS

the world becomes aware of the Covid-19 Pandemic, a group of 8th grade friends who's lives are already spinning out of control, begin to find balance thanks to special person in their lives. Camila, her bestie Nancy and their crew are all struggling to manage their overfilled daily schedules of school and extracurricular activities. Ms. Stephens, the one teacher they all share in common is helping them to cope when suddenly she is taken from them by an unknown virus leading them to find their own way

**in a world
that is about
to unravel.**

pilot LOGLINE

A Group of Tweens,
each dealing with a unique issue
sending their world's into chaos, find each
other after sharing a traumatic experience
forcing them to find balance in their lives at
a time when things **Will Only Get Worse.**



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STEP 2: ZOOMING ALONG

The crew still reeling after a tragic event. Frustrated and sad by the current state of affairs, they lean on each other via daily zoom call check-ins, since their new normal doesn't allow them to meet like before. Chloe is missing from their daily zoom calls and the teens, worried about their friend, come up with a plan to contact her and to cheer her up. We learn more about the tragic event and how it has affected Chloe who is now a self-proclaimed germo-phobe and will not leave her house.

STEP 3: A DARK PLACE

The New Pandemic forces the crew to adapt to new ways of life, such as online schooling, quarantining and cancellation of afterschool activities. Camila struggles with her new normal, she puts a brave and happy face during her friends daily zoom check-ins but behind closed doors she is feeling overwhelmed & sad and doesn't know what to do about it, she feels guilty for even feeling that way when there are other people with bigger issues than her.

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STEP 4: THE GAME

A Daily Zoom call game among the group opens up some wounds from Mason's past. A Flashback reveals a traumatic racist encounter that happened to Mason when he was in 6th grade, and we learn why besides Jacob (and not the quarantine crew) his only close friends are his gaming buddies, because they can't judge him based on how he looks.

STEP 5: GERMS

As Chloe ignores her friend's multiple attempts to reach out to her, we learn, she is now afraid of all human interaction after her mother's illness and the pandemic, she continuously washes her hands to the point that they are dry and bleed and will spray even food down when it is delivered. In a flashback we learn that her mother's illness was not caused by the virus but that it was called by the stress of being an educator, and we learn what led up to it.

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STEP 6: TOXIC

Nancy longs for the days when she could just escape to Camila's house when things in her house got chaotic. She struggles with coping with her parents constant fighting and yelling at all times of the day, even when she is trying to zoom for a class. And when they are not yelling and fighting, they leave the house for days at a time not caring that they are in the middle of a pandemic or caring that they left her for days with an empty fridge, so Nancy does what she can to get by.

STEP 7: BODY

As rumors are floating around that schools might be reopening, the teens share their thoughts on the rumors on their daily zoom call, and they are surprised when after a few months Chloe finally joins the call. We also learn that Jacob, worried that quarantine will get him out of shape, becomes obsessed with training, working out and is skipping meals to remain lean, which had some not so great side effects.

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STEP 8:

THE FUNERAL

In this Flashback Episode, we learn that Coach Brandon contracted the virus unknowingly while trying to help Ms. Stevens when she fell ill. His illness quickly progressed and he succumbed to it. Due to the current quarantine guidelines his students are not able to attend his funeral, therefore Jacob organizes an online zoom memorial and the students share their fondest memories with their beloved coach.

STEP 9:

I THINK I LIKE HER

Quarantine has made Tiffany and her sister's bond stronger than ever, while they try to cope with their parents' divorce in the middle of a pandemic, Tiffany confides in her sister, by telling her a secret she has never told anyone, and finds an ally in her sister that never thought she would have.

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ST1E10:

BACK TO SCHOOL

As the school district announces schools opening back up, the group discuss their thoughts and concerns about returning to school and some of the teens' differences in opinion gets heated, as they all have different reasons either wanting to return to school or to remain as is with online schooling.

ST1E11:

FIRST DAY BACK

As some of the crew get ready to head back into school physically, after 1 day back in we learn that one of them has contracted the virus, which brings a lot of concern and uncertainty to quarantine makes some of them rethink whether they are ready to return to school or what the future will hold.



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