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How COVID Has Made an Impact on all Aspects of my Life

COVID has made lasting impacts on my life and the people around me. It's hit harder in some ways than others, but I take comfort knowing I have my family to go through this stage of life with me.

EMOTIONALLY

- I'm going to be real that COVID has been a major up and down for me. I already deal with depression on a normal basis, but the COVID season has brought on different cases of my depression. I go from being happy, to being full on outraged that I am stuck at home and my life is the way it is. It seems hard to find a happy medium.

FINANCIALLY

- I must admit that this season of COVID has made my financial situation the absolute best (which seems weird to say with how much it has made others struggle). Since March, my husband and I have been able to save an incredible amount of money. I was fortunate enough to get unemployment and my husband is an essential worker, so the hours have been steady. His job has seen boost in hours, so he has also been able to do overtime.

SCHOOL FOR THE KIDS AND MYSELF

- I think the distance learning situation has been a blessing for my family. Before this semester started, I was worried how I would have childcare while I went to school. The fact that I can do all my classes online has been amazing. I want this distance learning to go on for much longer. As for my three children and school I have no complaints there. Our schedules are set and our days flow perfectly. My 1st grader misses school but she's ok. My 4th grader used to have issues with bullying and not doing well in school. This year with distance learning has changed her as a student. She has confidence I have never seen in her before and during parent teacher conferences her teacher said that my daughter is one of the best students she has ever had. Distance learning is what completely works for us and I will welcome it for as long as we can!

WORK LIFE

- I worked for a school district as a Classified Substitute. At first I was bummed when I was told that my position isn't needed during distance learning but then I realized the position I had really wasn't for me anyways I the best thing was for me to focus on school so I am able to land the position I truly want in the district.

FAMILY LIFE

- This is truly where COVID has hit HARD. At the end of November both of my grandparents got sick. My Grandpa passed on a Tuesday in November and that following Sunday my Grandma passed as well. It was a massive hit to the heart for my family. It's one thing to lose someone so special, but TWO within one week has been the biggest heartbreak. To top it off my niece is currently fighting for her life in the PEDS ICU from complications of COVID. There is a new disease in pediatric patients that is a result from COVID. She was previously a very healthy and active 13-year-old girl, now she's in heart failure and fighting for her life.