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Interviewees: My Mom , Dad , Brother (who have chosen to keep their names private), and Myself

Purpose/ Goal: I asked everyone in my family who are all at different stages and important things in their lives the same questions. The purpose is to see how COVID has impacted different people in different ways beginning with my family. Everyone in my family had to make different changes to our lives because of different stages everyone is at.

Interview 1

Dad description: 36 year old, financial provider, head of household, working 5am-1pm shifts.

Have you or someone close to you been affected by the novel COVID-19?

- “Yes”

What precautionary measures have you taken to prevent it?

- “I have used masks, using hand sanitizer, and not coming around the people that I have known have been exposed”

What has been the biggest change in your life since march?

- “There has not been a big change during my life during this pandemic because I still have to work and continue providing for my family.”

What part of your daily routines are now different due to COVID?

- “There have not been many gatherings. I have to use a mask everyday at work. My work meetings do not consist of as many people. The amount of staff that is allowed on work sites is cut down much shorter, therefore a lot of people have been fired. Thankfully i have continued having work throughout this whole pandemic.”

What is something you thought was going to go differently this year?

- “I thought we were going to be with family, and were going to have the resources to do projects and some of my goals were put off due to the pandemic. We had planned many family travels that unfortunately did not take place as well.”

Interview 2

Mom description: 39 year old, stay at home mom, home manager

Have you or someone close to you been affected by the novel COVID-19?

- “Someone close to me, yes, my sister in law, brother in law, and their children.”

What precautionary measures have you taken to prevent it?

- “I’ve drank a lot of hot teas like: ginger tea, cinnamon tea, and camomile tea. Maintain a safety distance from everyone. Eating healthier and vitamin enriched foods.”

What has been the biggest change in your life since march?

- “I appreciate much more the things that we have in our lives every day. The biggest change in my life is not being able to hug the people that I love. I never imagined there would come a day where I was not going to be able to do something as simple and small as that. I now know that the little things like that matter. Being able to be with our families in union freely has not been possible for months now and is a big change we have had to get used to.”

What part of your daily routines are now different due to COVID?

- “We have stopped doing exercise in public places and had to comply with doing it at home. I don’t have to wake up early to take my kids to school. My son doesn’t have soccer practice anymore therefore we don’t have to take him. My routines used to consist of running errands all day. Now everything is done online which is a time saver and safer, but the lack of human to human interaction is something in my routines that I miss.”

What is something you thought was going to go differently this year?

- “I thought this year my daughter and son were going to graduate from high/ middle school. We were going to have a big family celebration for my niece that turned 15 but didn’t happen. I was going to send my kids to college and highschool, two freshmans on very different levels of life yet experiencing the same things. I thought my daughter was going to have a normal experience getting her drivers license. As a stay at home mom my job is to be there for my kids when they need me to be, and this year we really faced challenges we did not think we would have to face.”

Interview 3

Myself: 18 year old, highschool graduate, college freshman, attending school daily

Have you or someone close to you been affected by the novel COVID-19?

- “Yes, there have been people very close to me who have gotten sick. No one in my immediate family, but others around us have tested positive.”

What precautionary measures have you taken to prevent it?

- “I have worn my mask everyday when I step out of the house, whenever I go to the grocery store I make sure to use hand sanitizer and stay as far away from others around me as possible.”

What has been the biggest change in your life since march?

- “In march of 2020 I was a highschool senior preparing to have the time of my life at once in a lifetime events like prom, senior night , and graduation. All of that quickly came to an end when COVID’s first wave hit and we had to quickly adjust to online schooling. That was the biggest transition thus far. Then I had to navigate the decisions of choosing a college, and going through the process by myself without the help of my school’s resources. Working so hard all four years of highschool just to get a drive thru graduation where I was not able to celebrate with my friends who had worked equally as hard, and only being allowed one car full of family attendance was devastating. I sent me along with others around me into a state of depression and unfulfillment. I then started as a freshman at CSUSB in August of 2020 but the college online experience is all I know so I have become so familiar to the environment.”

What part of your daily routines are now different due to COVID?

- “My daily routine used to consist of waking up at around 6 am, getting ready for school before 7:10am and arriving at school at 7:30am then walking to my first period before 8 am. In comparison to now that is way different. Now I can’t wake up before 10 am and my first class starts at 10:30am. So that has been a big change in my routine as well as just attending school in general. Online schooling is not the same”

What is something you thought was going to go differently this year?

- “In the beginning of March and April I thought this was going to end in June/July but it did not. I had originally thought I was going to be able to attend college in person, but now I have realized that things may never go back to normal and we have to become familiar with the new guidelines to living with COVID.”

Interview 4

Younger brother: 14 year old, High school freshman, attending school daily.

Have you or someone close to you been affected by the novel COVID-19?

- “Yes a family member has gotten COVID.”

What precautionary measures have you taken to prevent it?

- “Wearing the mask, and being cautious when going to the store and cleaning everything that we buy or that I buy.”

What has been the biggest change in your life since march?

- “The biggest change in my life is school. We can not go out any more like normal. Leaving middle school and entering high school we had to switch into online school and I did not get to experience a big milestone which was the first day of highschool, I still will not be able to experience it until all of this is over.”

What part of your daily routines are now different due to COVID?

- “Waking up and dressing up to go to school, but now since school is online I wake up and turn on my computer. Online school has been harder because I cannot interact with my teacher the same way. My hobby was playing soccer and I used to play in a team , but all of that stopped due to the coronavirus.”

What is something you thought was going to go differently this year?

- “I thought my schooling was going to be an easier transition. Every year my guy cousins and I pick a place to hang out at and draft our fantasy football players, it has become a yearly tradition that I thought was going to happen this year but did not. Instead we had to do it via zoom, which does not give the same excitement.”