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Covid-19 Experience Journal



March 2020

During the month of March we have barely started to hear about Covid-19. We were aware about the cases in China. During this month we were still living what was known as a normal life, we were not as concerned as we are today many people thought that it wouldn't become something big. Me and siblings were still attending school physically and at my work people were still allowed to dine-in and we were not forced to wear a mask. Stores were still open and people were allowed to go to bars and have drinks with friends. People were not concerned about being six feet apart from each other. It was until close to the end of the month we were hearing that the virus was spreading and that the number of people getting affected in New York was increasing rapidly and the numbers of death were increasing in China as well.

April 2020

As the weeks have gone by the number of Covid-19 cases have increased and now any kind of airplane transportation has been canceled due to many people getting affected there. Since there have been some Covid-19 cases hitting near home and school there have been some changes for school classes that hold more than 200 hundred classes have been canceled and started to go online. For me so far i still have to attend all my classes physically because most of the classes that i am taking have less than 200 students. So far this virus has not affected many of my siblings who are still attending school. When it comes to my job so far everything is still considered normal the only thing that I would consider different would be that they are making us sanitize the utensils that are located in the salsa bar more often than usual.

May 2020

It is May now and we are under stay home orders until further notice. This month I am going to turn 21 and was hoping to celebrate with my friends and family but due to the stay at home order

I will no longer be able to celebrate. Since they have placed the stay at home order we are no longer to attend school so all of my finals are going to have to be online which makes it a little bit difficult with the math class I am taking. My younger siblings had to miss their last two months of school due to Covid-19 and my brother who is a senior will not be able to experience what it is going to prom and will not be able to walk due to his graduation being canceled.

Something that really caught my attention was the fact that at every store i went to they were all out of toilet paper and water. Most of the stores I went to were really empty and didn't have any merchandise.

June and July 2020

Summer has finally started but it is nothing like the years before we are not allowed to go out only if you are an essential worker. All restaurants, bars, malls, and stores are closed and are not allowed to open as well as nail salons and hair salons are not allowed to be open. I work at a Mexican restaurant and we are still open but we are only allowed to serve food to go all dine-in are closed, Right now work is really slow compared to how it was before Covid. They are laying off many people and there is a chance we will have to close due to not selling as much. When I am at work I am able to observe how lonely the streets are, how there aren't many people out in the streets and how when you do see someone they are all wearing masks. Fourth of July was not like last year's fourth of July. We were not able to celebrate with our family due to the stay at home order.

August 2020

It is now August and not much has changed. We were able to attend the beach for a while but they began to close it again. School is about to start in two weeks and everything is going to be online I still don't know how i feel about it. For my siblings they are in same position as me there

are going to do virtual learning but i feel like it's going to be a little bit more difficult for them since will have to sit in front of a computer screen for about 5 or 6 hours. As of work I am still currently employed and the sales have gone up. People are starting to go out more and eat out, but there are a lot of issues going on due to many people being unemployed. School has just started and looking through my classes syllabus I can say that it's going to be a tough semester.

September 2020

August went by fast and it is now September. So far I feel completely overwhelmed due to working 6 days a week and having to do school virtually. I feel like it's more work right now that we have classes virtually because it seems like we have more time in our hands but it's harder due to working. I am taking a math class online and since I am more of a hand on learner it is harder for me to learn how to do the math problem when I can't actually see how the problem is solved. The stay at home order has finally been lifted and some places are now allowed to open.

October and November 2020

It is now October and at work we are still just doing take out orders but now we are allowed to set up tables outside and have people eat there. Restaurants are now allowed to have people dine in now but will have to follow certain rules. School has gone by really fast but it is still overwhelming by all the work that each class requires and having to work makes it even stressful.

By November all dine -in privileges were taken away again because the number of Covid-19 cases have increased again. School is coming to an end and it's adding more pressure because midterms are harder right now that they are online and we just found out that the spring semester will be online as well. One thing that Covid has affected me with was the fact that I was excited to graduate but due to Covid-19 we will not be able to walk.