

The Pandemic of 2020

COVID-19, a current health crisis that affected the world drastically and my life forever. When I first heard about the coronavirus I never thought it was a big deal until February 2020. My friend had a four-month baby who was very sick and had no corona cases in my city Compton, California so when her baby was sick no one thought it was the virus until various tests were taken they figured out it was COVID-19. It was scary and the baby was cured weeks later. I was happy and forgot about the virus. The first time I noticed how much impact the pandemic had on our lives was in March 2020. I remember the weekend before the LA lockdown I traveled to Rosarito, Mexico on vacation and partied with hundreds of people, and the day right before I was in Six Flags living my best life with my close friend. I remember being in class and my CHLS professor explaining to the class how there is no way COVID-19 will get so bad that school has to get canceled and we will be required to do distance learning. One day later social distancing was required by law, masks were required by law, and quarantine was mandatory except if you were an essential worker.

The transition to online school was difficult. Taking one or two online classes in the past benefited me when transitioning to online school. However, the process was not easy. March came and they canceled everything involving the school, concerts, and flights. I was shocked and devastated because I am a hands-on hands learner. The virus made me lazy, I was focusing on other things and not on my academic obligations. I loved physically going to school, that's why I take classes I enjoy, I miss discussions and powerpoints and engaging with the educator so

online school isn't for me and I was very aware of my education until now all I do is procrastinate.

Quarantine was mandatory by law, and this transition was extremely difficult. I had a teacher's assistant job that was forcibly put on pause because no school was opened. Due to COVID-19 neither my little sister is going to prom nor attend her high school graduation. The virus canceled everything, all events everywhere. The number of things that people are missing out on is so much, all for the better and the good health to everyone but I do feel like feeling sad is valid even if it's for the better for everyone. Due to COVID-19, my older sister is not going to walk the stage for graduation at CSULB which she worked four hard years

When my parents lost their jobs it affected my family drastically. COVID-19 affected my community and family in various ways. Since my father is a truck driver COVID-19 affected our family as of January 2020, his company works directly from companies from China, and since the pandemic, he has been jobless, and if he did work he worked a few hours a week. At the start of March, my mother was laid off from her food truck job. As a family who is extremely in debt due to the house my father owns and cars this affected us drastically. As soon as school got changed to online-only I got my old summertime job to help pay the bills with my sister. I have always worked for warehouse jobs to get extra cash in winter break or summer break but this time it was different. Going back to a warehouse job full-time and going to school full-time was hard but I did what I had to do to support my household. As well as my sister who was attending CSULB but is a graduate now she also stepped up and got a full-time job and helped me support our family in these difficult times.

Although the pandemic of 2020 has brought many complications in my life, there have been some advantages. The only positive outcome that came from my life is that it made me extremely close to my family and I became physically healthier. Quarantine gave me time to act upon my physical health and family relationships. However, COVID-19 did not help my mental health. Since I was 14 years old I suffered from anxiety and depression, throughout recent months I was healing mentally and emotionally and when the LA lockdown happened I stopped relying on distractions to make myself feel better and I started being alone at home a lot so that meant a lot of thinking by myself. However, I do have a very supportive family that has helped me a lot to find other distractions I can do at home. I feel like religion and faith is one thing that I lost throughout the pandemic. I noticed when my church opened up and I couldn't even remember the last time I prayed or even opened a Bible. I was so busy focusing on other things I lost my relationship with God. Being born in church this affected me dearly. When looking at the positive outcomes of the pandemic, my family got extremely close and I started my journey of having a healthier lifestyle. Being stuck at home just doing homework and going to work I had a lot of free time so I decided to change my eating habits and do more exercise. I started working out every day and taught myself how to cook healthier. During quarantine, I lost about 25 pounds. This is one of the many benefits of COVID-19.

Presently, many businesses and places are finally opened up or planning to open up. As bad as this sounds right when restaurants opened up I booked a reservation to my favorite out-door dine-in restaurant and straight-up went into my savings and went to Florida on vacation for a week. I went to Disney and Universal Studios and so much more. I started going out more

and started seeing my loved ones more. However, I was always careful and cautious about my actions. The opening of many businesses and schools resulted in me recently quitting my full-time job and going back to school full-time and going back to my old job part-time to focus on my studies.

The virus is changing our world rapidly because of this pandemic. This pandemic will be in history books. In 20 years from now, we can tell our kids about our experience. In 20 years we will look back to this pandemic and think about our personal experience from all the bad and all the good. The whole world is changing economically and environmentally wise. Economically, affecting the world negatively. The US will face a serious recession due to COVID-19. Businesses are affected, without production, they can't sell or buy. Employment is a huge factor, only essential jobs are open and that affects so many people and their jobs. From: global supply chains, wages, and productivity. The pandemic of 2020 changed the world drastically.