

Interviewer (Emanuel Lopez): Hello, my name is Emanuel Lopez and today is March 19th 2021 and today we are going to discuss the experiences of people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today we are currently in San Antonio Texas and today I'm interviewing Julian Sanchez. Julian you mind telling me where you were born?

Respondent (Julian Sanchez): I was born here in San Antonio Texas as well.

Interviewer: You mind telling me what's your birthday?

Respondent: My birthday is August 13th 2002.

Interviewer: What is your current occupation?

Respondent: My current occupation is I'm a full-time student at UTSA and mostly all day I just do my work and study for classes and exams.

Interviewer: What are you trying to major in UTSA?

Respondent: I'm trying to major in civil engineering just because I really like the field, the work and the pay.

Interviewer: Alright when did you first hear about the corona virus and can you explain your experience when you heard it?

Respondent: I first heard about the coronavirus on a news report about how it started to spread in Japan no China** and later spread all over the world and next thing you know were all stuck in quarantine now.

Interviewer: So, you just heard it from a news report? You didn't hear it from social media or anywhere else?

Respondent: Afterwards it was all over everything social media, YouTube and anything that had a way to reach out people

Interviewer: Can you explain how the virus affect you and your family and friends and what changed? Like between you and your family and friends?

Respondent: Everything did change basically like I couldn't see most of my grandparents because I didn't want to take the risk of getting them contagious of it. I couldn't see my cousins or other relatives my friends I couldn't see after a long time we what we normally did was just stay home all the time if we actually wanted to see each other we would just face time each other. We didn't actually get to meet up for a while we still haven't been able to meet up yet because we are still paranoid about it.

Interviewer: So, in between the holiday yall didn't do any gathering at all?

Respondent: We did but we used social distancing everyone was really spaced out no one really got to was next to each other not long enough to have a real conversation.

Interviewer: Ok that's good. How did the virus affect your daily routine? Like shopping or other hobbies or activities that you did.

Respondent: Well, my daily routine got affect a lot because I normally go to the gym in the morning after corona virus hit, I didn't get to go to the gym for at least 2-3 months until they finally reopened the gym, I didn't get to hang out with friends as often as I would so I really missed out on that. Shopping wise I just didn't go shopping anymore we just ordered anything that we ever wanted and now I just take a mask with me and some hand sanitizer if I want to go out. That is like a requirement to have if I want to go out anywhere.

Interviewer: So, when they reopened the gym did, they have any safety procedures? or is it just open

Respondent: Yeah, when they first opened it was mandatory mask you could bring gloves if you want and it was recommended to but you didn't have to. You had to use their like sanitizer and wipes to clean down any equipment that you touched before hand and afterwards and you couldn't also use the locker room you couldn't use the pools or the sauna the only thing available was the bathroom and the sinks and the showers I think and afterwards now they are starting to release it more but slowly slowly over time.

Interviewer: You said you had your like your groceries delivered how does that work?

Respondent: We would use HEB curbside where we would just go online and just selected the items you wanted and like afterwards someone would go pick it up in the store for you and they get it all in the bags ready for you and at a certain time you drive over to HEB and you go to their designated spots that they have and you send a text that your at that spot and what ever car your in and they come by and all you have to do is open your trunk and they just put it in for you and close your trunk for you and that's it.

Interviewer: I noticed that you have pretty long hair do you go to the barber? Or did you just not go during the pandemic?

Respondent: I haven't gone anywhere to cut my hair since the pandemic so this is the longest it's been, I plan on going afterwards because I defiantly need it.

Interviewer: I mean I think it looks good. Due to the pandemic were you able to work from home? Or did you still have the chance to go to work or school?

Respondent: I didn't have any chance to go to school at all UTSA made it so that only the classes that actually require you to be there could go to class everyone else had to stay home and go online it would be asynchronous or online.

Interviewer: So pretty much it affected your whole college your first year of college.

Respondent: My whole my whole first year was defiantly affected by this I didn't get to go there at all.

Interviewer: Yeah, me too you're not the only one. Do you know anyone that has been infected with the virus? If your contourable talking about it.

Respondent: Yeah, a couple of my cousins got it on their side some of my dad's relatives got it but they all came out and I've known some friends who did come in contact with it but I don't think they ever got infected with it. That's really how much I know who got infected and who didn't.

Interviewer: Alright that's good that nobody perished. Alright questions for US Texans. When the storm hit in February how were you affected? And did you even think about the virus when the storm hit?

Respondent: When the storm hit, we weren't affected that bad because we prepared, we got food before hand like a week before. We made sure our pipes wouldn't freeze so we like wrapped them up all in towels and everything and we always kept the water dripping or at least flowing a little bit so it wouldn't completely clog up. As for power we had power all the way through we never lost it but we did lose service and Wi-Fi through the whole week so we didn't get to do any of our work or go online really as for. Sorry, what was the question again the rest of it.

Interviewer: Pretty much how you were affected and where you even thinking about the virus when this was going on?

Respondent: Through the whole week not at all I didn't think at all that's I was ever going to get infected by it. I thought if I were to get sick now is because I was outside to long in the cold.

Interviewer: Another thing another question about for us Texans what are your thoughts about the mask removal mandate? that the governor just put out

Respondent: I personally think its to soon to do it but not if you had given a little longer maybe then because I feel that they still need to get the vaccine out a little bit longer more. So at least our senior citizens can be safe from us and hopefully most of our teachers and students can get it so they could go to school then maybe release it but right now I feel like its kind of to early.

Interviewer: So, about this pandemic what will you like to tell future generations about it?

Respondent: I would like future generations to know that it was a tremendous struggle adjusting and adapting to our lives and how it affected us deeply and socially. How we didn't get to do Pretty much most of the things that we were promised that would happen to us and how it affected us for school we just got kicked out of our high school right way because we couldn't go back because it was to much risk and how we can't even go to school still well not fully because its still a risk.

Interviewer: You said you were kicked well not kicked out but like you couldn't go back to your high school. How did your school deal with the graduation?

Respondent: Our graduation I believe was delayed but we still got to do our graduation luckily unlike other schools but our graduation we definitely modified to have the standards of social distancing and safety for everyone. Everyone had to wear a mask and everyone's seat was at least 6 feet apart from each other and we were out when it happened.

Interviewer: That's good, that's all for the interview and thank you for your time.