

Oral history Transcript

Samantha: Hi I'm Samantha Dominguez and today is March 10th 2020 today we will discuss the experiences of people during the COVID-19 pandemic today I am the city Austin TX and Catherine is in the city San Antonio TX I'm interviewing.

Catherine: Catherine Alvarado

Samantha: So Catherine I'm going to ask you a couple of questions some of them are personal questions and a couple of others are leaning towards the pandemic you can answer these questions as freely as you want so the first question I'm going to ask you is when were you born.

Catherine: 2001

Samantha: Nice next question where are you from?

Catherine: San Antonio, Texas.

Samantha: On that is neat I used to live there. Next question what is your occupation at the moment.

Catherine: I want to eat work at HEB.

Samantha: Hmmm Do you like it there?

Catherine: Yes ma'am.

Samantha: Uh next when and where did you first here about the virus, can you explain your experiences?

Catherine: Umm I finished up the virus I think that's cool at the time I was a senior in high school and I had heard about it from all of my teachers everybody had been talking about it but I really

didn't think it was that big of a deal in the beginning they had just said that we were just getting an extra week of spring break and then an extra week turned into our entire school year so I think my experience with it isn't all that well.

Samantha: Umm yeah um next question. Can you explain how has the coronavirus affected you and your family or friends what is changed in like your daily routine or your weekly routine for example like shopping or spending time with your family.

Catherine: Umm well before the pandemic I was I was on the dance team in high school so they kind of shut down that for me so I went for going to practice every day to just being at home every day and looking at a screen for like a couple of hours and like family wise I went from like saying with my family in such a big groups to like in having to be a scheduled time and like only a certain amount of us being able to go from one place to another and like shopping wise to everything was screwed up for a week's so it was really hard to find food around like the ugh grocery store especially since I have a big family.

Samantha: Oh yeah remember all of that was so much chaos and the school thing that was a scary thing 'cause I thought we were going to go back to school soon in like 2 weeks and we never went back OK next question do you know anyone that has been affected with the virus personally?

Catherine: Yeah my best friend and her family was really affected by everybody in my house I like my media family has been affected by it but like my grandparents did get cold in pretty recently but they recovered.

Samantha: Oh, Oh well that's good that's really good umm next question how was adapting to the virus affected your work slash school works responsibilities.

Catherine: Well at work it was a lot different because we were only allowed to have a certain amount of people in the store at the time and everybody was wearing mask which was a really difficult adjustment and then school wise it's just so much different now because we went from learning face to face for eight hours to going on zooms for eight hours a day trying to learn based off of what you see on videos rather than learning in person.

Samantha: Yeah I feel like we get like well personally I get more headaches now because of the screen and all that yeah.

Catherine: Yeah.

Samantha: Yeah uh uh last two questions question for Texans affected by the winter storm when were you hit with the February winter storm did you think about this the virus at all at the time.

Catherine: Um I don't remember the exact date of when the winter storm hit but I remember it hit me and I my brothers had told me it was snowing and was like no its not it doesn't snow in San Antonio. And then I go outside and it's like a blanket of white and I was like what the heck and yeah no I don't remember the exact date but I remember we went outside and we were not prepared at all.

Samantha: Yeah, it was pretty at first and then it got ugly.

Catherine: Yeah.

Samantha: Umm last question what would you like to tell the future generations about the pandemic.

Catherine: Umm would tell them that you should well hopefully if there government isn't the same as ours and there's actually takes it serious unlike ours it's been a year and we're still in the same exact predicament as we were last year if anything it's worse so I would tell them to just be careful and constantly like not wash your hands but be cautious about what you touch and who you're around and if like you're feeling just stay home like that's the whole thing.

Samantha: Yeah

Catherine: And just stay home don't go places you don't need to be.

Samantha: Yeah well it was nice interviewing you and talking to you and hearing about your side

and how covid had affected you I thank you for your time and your patience.

Catherine: Yes ma'am thank you.

Samantha: Okay bye Catherine: bye