

## **Interviewer Heriberto Arreola Transcription. By Jocelyn Ballesteros**

Jocelyn: My name is Jocelyn Ballesteros, and today is Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Today we are in San Antonio Texas and I'm going to interview... (passes the mic to the interviewee).

Heriberto: Heriberto Arreola.

Jocelyn: When were you born?

Heriberto: I was born on March 15, 1969.

Jocelyn: Where are you from?

Heriberto: I'm here from San Antonio, Texas.

Jocelyn: What is your occupation?

Heriberto: I'm a gardener.

Jocelyn: When and how did you first hear about the virus for the first time? Can you please explain your experience?

Heriberto: From the news on the television. From there they gave us the news of this grandvirus that came to harm all of us.

Jocelyn: Can you please explain how has the coronavirus affected you and your family or friends? What has changed?

Heriberto: It changed the way how every citizen now needs to protect themselves, social distance so they won't be affected and to take care of themselves so they can also protect those around them.

Jocelyn: Yes, can you explain how covid-19 affected your daily routine or seminal routine, like going shopping and spending time with family?

Heriberto: Yes oh yes, ehh mmm, yes it has affected me greatly in my health and also with the social distancing, wearing a mask, and all of that, because we weren't accustomed to it. And yes, we have gone out just like our everyday routine, and we need to mold ourselves to the mask requirement.

Jocelyn: Yes.

Heriberto: We need to get accustomed to it.

Jocelyn: Due to the pandemic are you able to work from home? Why or why not?

Heriberto: Mmm I can't, I can't take my work home.

Jocelyn: Do you know anyone that has been infected with the virus?

Heriberto: Yes, a lot of various people.

Jocelyn: How was your work affected to the adaption of the virus? And how has your labor responsibilities been affected?

Heriberto: Well yes, it has affected us in the manner that we need to take care of ourselves. But, in reality I kept on working because I'm an essential worker, and work never stops.

Jocelyn: Yes you're right. Okay so, (short pause) when the winter storm hit in February, did you think of the virus? Why or why not?

Heriberto: Yes, I thought covid cases were going to go up, and more deaths obviously due to the cold.

Jocelyn: Yes you're right. (short pause) what would you like to tell future generations about the pandemic?

Heriberto: Well for them to be ready for whatever virus that comes, because with what we have learned from COVID-19 we should be prepared with water, food, and if we can to be prepared with a little bit of money for unexpected costs. It'll be great for no one to suffer, and if we all know how to get ahead without struggling. (short pause) and for them to not panic, because with our experience, we should now be prepared. (short pause) that'll be my advice for everyone.

Jocelyn: Yes well thank you so much Heriberto Arreola, for doing this interview with me, and thank you for your time and also for your experience.

Heriberto: It was a duty, and a pleasure as well, because as citizens we all need to be informed and to help each other mutually.

Jocelyn: Yes, very right, okay thank you.