

Margaret: My name is Margaret Turgeon and today's date is March 7, 2021 and today we will discuss the experiences of people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today we are in San Antonio, TX and I will be interviewing, please state your name.

Loni: Loni Morin

Margaret: When were you born?

Loni: September 1988

Margaret: Where are you from?

Loni: San Antonio, TX

Margaret: What is your current occupation?

Loni: I am an auto adjuster.

Margaret: When and how did you first hear about this virus?

Loni: I first heard about it at work.

Margaret: Can you explain how this virus has affected you and your family and friends?

Loni: In the beginning it was a very rough transition, as a single mom having two young boys and having to learn how to work from home and homeschool them it was a rough transition.

Margaret: Can you explain how COVID-19 affected your daily or weekly routine, like shopping, getting groceries, and spending time with family?

Loni: The only family we are close to lives out of town, so it did not really affect spending time with family. I feel like I did buy groceries a little bit more often, just because I had to get used to making the kids food all day everyday instead of just dinners during the weekdays.

Margaret: Due to the pandemic are you able to work from home?

Loni: Yes, it was a little scary because right when the pandemic began, I was hired on to a new company and literally the week that I was supposed to start we went on shut down. They made it work and our training was only pushed back by a week, and we were able to train and work from home.

Margaret: Do you know anyone that was affected with the virus?

Loni: I had the virus myself, I got it from a friend who they did not know had it because they were around a family member who also did not know they had it. That was actually recently, all last year I was good until this year. It was an intense experience.

Margaret: How was adapting to the virus affected your work and schoolwork responsibilities?

Loni: I feel like it has made me a little bit better at making a schedule, planning things. Having to not only work from home but also with my kids homeschool as well as my own schoolwork. It has made me manage time better.

Margaret: When you were hit with this February's winter storm, did you think about the virus?

Loni: Not really unless I read something about the virus or saw a comment about it but me myself no because we just stayed home the entire week and it was not on my mind. I did not have to worry about being careful going out or being around large crowds, so I did not think about it at all during this time.

Margaret: What would you like to tell future generations about this pandemic?

Loni: I would say that it was a scary experience, I still can almost not believe that we went through this and that we were on a literal lockdown, wearing masks and having to stay away from people. It was very unreal, if anything like this ever happens in the future, I would encourage people to take it seriously, I feel like a lot of people did not take it seriously until it affected them directly or in their family or friends. It was a lot more serious than I even thought it was in the beginning.

Margaret: Thank you for your time.