

Oral History Questions for Eric Elizondo

Sacil: My name is Sacil Banda Salazar and today's date is March 5, 2021. Today we will discuss the experiences of people during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Today we are in San Antonio, Texas and I am interviewing..

Eric: Eric Elizondo

Sacil: Hi Eric, when were you born?

Eric: I was born October 3rd, 2000.

Sacil: Where are you from?

Eric: I am from here, San Antonio, Texas.

Sacil: What is or was your occupation?

Eric: Currently I am working with my dad and helping him put flooring down. I help him put like all types of flooring, and yeah.

Sacil: When and how did you first hear about the virus? Can you explain your experience?

Eric: It was during last Spring Break when I went to Colorado with my family, and when we were leaving that's when all the- our schools were telling us they were going to shut down. And when we were over there, they were just saying be careful because in Colorado there's some cities where there's just people- that are like- elderly people and they're more vulnerable to the virus.

Sacil: Mhm, Can you explain how has the Corona Virus affected you and your family or your friends, what has changed?

Eric: Well, I myself got Covid. During, I think it was the day after Thanksgiving. Someone in Thanksgiving table gave it to me, I don't know who it was, but someone did and I was in bed for two weeks and after that I felt great. And for my friends and family, my uh- I just had one tia that passed away from it and it was very sad for my mom cus it was her, that she grew up with her. And just friends and family, just from church a bunch of people got Covid as well, and it was very, very sad.

Sacil: Can you explain how Covid-19 affected your daily or weekly routine, like shopping for groceries and spending time with family?

Eric: Going out like shopping and that, i don't think, oh it did stop us cus we were at first, we were like oh like a bunch of people are getting, are getting the Covid vaccine so we should just chill out and not go out for a bit. But after that we were like oh it's like we have to go and get stuff, so we just we had to go out to the store and get groceries.

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

Eric: Well our job is more like labor work so we have to go to the people's houses and install the type of flooring they want, so no. I don't think the pandemic- it actually, when it occurred, when we came back from Spring Break, we actually had more work from previous Spring Breaks, i'm not sure why, but it actually did help us.

Sacil: Do you know anyone that has been affect-infected with the virus?

Eric: yeah, my uh- your parents, my Sacil's parents got infected. And also my parents as well they got infected. My dad for a whole month he had it. I don't know, he kept on getting tested every week and they kept on telling him he was positive. And until, I guess the month ended, he went back again to get tested and it was negative, and my mom she was two weeks in bed just chilling, well not chilling she was in pain and yeah.

Sacil: How has adapting to the virus affected your work or school work responsibilities?

Eric: Well my work with my dad, not really much we just kept on going to work, and the only that affected was the customers that didn't want us to go cus of Covid. They were scared that we had it and we were going to go infect them so they didn't want us to work and they would delay the jobs that we had already planned. And for school work, i just couldn't go to school anymore, we just had to work remotly the whole- 100% remotly and that was a big change from like going to school one day and then the next, coming back from Spring break. Was like nope- it was all zoom record. It was all just Zoom recordings.

Sacil: This past February there was a record-breaking Winter Storm. When you were hit with it, did you think about the virus? Why or why not?

Eric: No when it occurred, we lost water and power and at the moment I was not thinking about Covid or anything , I was just thinking about, oh it's gonna be cold in our house, the food is gonna go bad and all this. We just had to work with candles and flashlights around the house when it occurred.

Sacil: What would you like to tell future generations about the pandemic?

Eric: Well just that it was; the experience it was something we never experienced before and so many events got cancelled cus of Covid and we just had to like, just stay at home. It was a boring summer. In 2020, because of Covid like we couldn't do anything but the year before that it was all, it was amazing because it just, there was no virus, so once it occurred the year after we just couldn't do anything.

Sacil: Okay, Thank you so much for being today, I hope you enjoyed this time.

Eric: Thank you for having me, have a good day.

Sacil: Thank you, bye!