

COVID-19 Oral History Transcript

Oral History Questions for Tiffany Jackson (interviewee) Interviewer (Markiesha Ferdinand):

Markiesha: Hello My name is Markiesha Ferdinand. Today's date is March 5th, 2021. Today I will be interviewing my friend Tiffany Jackson. We are in the City of San Antonio, state Texas. Hello Tiffany and how are you doing today?

Tiffany: I'm doing fine thank you Markiesha.

Markiesha: When were you born?

Tiffany: Markiesha I was born May 3rd, 1985

Markiesha: Thank you! Where are you originally from?

Tiffany: I'm originally from San Antonio, TX

Markiesha: Ok! Good! What is your Occupation?

Tiffany: Customer Service

Markiesha: Where do you work?

Tiffany: Charter Communication.

Markiesha: Ok Good Job! When and How did you first hear about the virus? Tiffany: I first heard about the virus on the news.

Markiesha: Can you explain your experience with the virus?

Tiffany: Ummm the only experience that I had was making sure that I stay safe and 6 feet away from people so that I don't catch the virus.

Markiesha: Okay! Can you explain how has Coronavirus affected you and your family or friends?

Tiffany: So, my family has been affected by Covid 19 because my aunt did pass away December 20th, 2020 of Covid 19. That's the only effect that I've had so far with Covid.

Markiesha: I'm sorry for you lost! What has changed?

Tiffany: The only that has change is that I have to make sure that I stay safe, stay away from large gatherings, umm just do my part so that I don't catch Covid.

Markiesha: Okay Good! Can you explain how Covid 19 affected your daily or weekly routine like shopping for groceries or spending time with your family.

Tiffany: As far as groceries I do curbside sometimes just depending on what I need just so I won't go in the store and have to be around that many people. As far as my family I only go to my parents house here and there. When they have large gatherings or something with family I don't attend just because I don't know who they've been around.

Markiesha: Ok that's understandable. Due to the pandemic are you able to work from home? If so why?

Tiffany: Yes, I am able to work from home with charter communications due to there was so many people in the office and they didn't want all the agents in there, so I got the opportunity to work from home.

Markiesha: Ok Lucky you! Do you know anyone that has been affected by the virus?

Tiffany: Yes, my aunt.

Markiesha: Ok and how has that affected you?

Tiffany: It just made me know that you know not saying that I didn't know that Covid was real but it just hit hard when it's somebody that's your family and you know your like you see it on the news with people dying but when it's in your family, it a different story. I just take it one day at a time and make sure that I'm doing my part so that I don't catch Covid.

Markiesha: Ok! How has adapting to the virus effected your work or school responsibilities?

Tiffany: It really hasn't affected it. It's just different when you're at home. You're at home by yourself instead of being at the office with a lot of people so it's just different with being at home than being in the office. I feel more safe here at home.

Markiesha: This question is about the winter storm. When you were hit with February's winter storm

did you think about the virus? If so why?

Tiffany: Actually, I did not think about the virus when the winter storm happened because one Texas never has snow, so we had a lot of snow and two I didn't have any power or water. So, I was trying to you know make sure that I was able to survive at home with no power and water. It was a tough time, so the virus was not on my mind.

Markiesha: Ok! What would you like to tell the future generation about the pandemic?

Tiffany: Umm that it was ya know 2020, 2021 has been a tough year. 2020 was a tough year ya know. Just let them know that what we experienced and it was hard for us and it's still something that we're still dealing with today and let them know that the obstacles that we had to take in life umm during this pandemic and hopefully they don't have to experience it