

Natasia: My name is Natasia Case. Today's date is April 8 2021. Today we will discuss the experiences of people during the covid 19 pandemic. Today we are in San Antonio, Texas. I am interviewing the Delando Day.

Natasia: When were you born?

Delando: September 1 1994.

Natasia: Where are you from?

Delando: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Natasia: What is your occupation?

Delando: Tech operator for LG Chem.

Natasia: I didn't even know that.

Delando: Yeah. I actually just changed jobs like back in February.

Natasia: Oh, yeah. You used to work for Amazon, right?

Delando: Yeah.

Natasia: When and how did you first hear about the virus?

Delando: When I was working at Dave and Busters actually, like, I mean, it was kind of in the news. But like, it wasn't like very big because right around the time, it was like, Kobe dying. So like, that was a lot more of the attention. And then I remember that. Yeah. And then I started hearing more about it when I was working at Dave and Busters because, like, they were talking about quarantine and stuff. And I'm like, "Nah, this is gonna be like the swine flu. Like it'll get filled blow were quick." And suddenly, I didn't have a job. Yeah. Like, literally, I remember working the night before everything shut down in Michigan, at least. And I was like, Oh, okay. That's cool.

Natasia: Yeah, I remember that. Can you explain how has the Coronavirus affected you and your family or friends?

Delando: Um, well, it's definitely, like with a lot of the, like, lock downs and like, a lot of people being a lot of my friends and stuff are very, like, cautious. So I couldn't, I haven't been, I wasn't able to hang out with them for the longest. And so like, besides like, work, I just be at home. And it's, it's definitely brought on a different, like, a different appreciation to life. Because, like, now, like, I'm just out wanting to do whatever. And, I mean, it's also like, you've like, one project I ended up taking up was building my PC. And like, that was actually like, a easier experience. And I thought, and but for like, my mom and sister, it's a lot different because they're, they both have, like, you know, like, a lot of like, mental illnesses and stuff. So it's been a bit tougher on them. Because, you know, there are, they're like, shut out. And like, they can't really like do anything to like, go out and like, let out some of their stuff. So it's like, they're kind of stuck in their heads. And so it's definitely been kind of an experience, but I mean, I think we're pulling awful. I feel like because of the times we live in with a lot of our like, technology and stuff. Like for me as a gamer. This hasn't been that bad. Yeah. Well, someone who watches the anime and stuff. Like it hasn't been terrible, but like, you know, back if this happened back when I was in like, middle school or high school, I probably be losing my mind.

Natasia: Yeah, I feel you. Can you explain how the COVID-19 affected your daily or weekly routine?

Delando: Um, well, again, when when we went into lockdown, I was working at Dave and Busters and then like, it was literally like, just suddenly, yeah, wait, I can't come to work. Like we like the restaurants and because it's a restaurant arcade and all this. So it was like one of the first places that had to be like, super shut down. And so it was a little bit of a scramble to, like find a job. I mean, I could have gotten off unemployment. But if we're on like, if we're gonna be like, locked down, like, I can't do that, especially if I can't even like, like, cuz Daisy lives down the road, but they're very, you know, they were very cautious at the time, so I couldn't like go over there. So I was like, damn. Yeah,

Natasia: I remember the first lockdown. I think I told you about I was, I was like, in person in person at school. And then they had to change it to --

Yeah. Fast. It was actually just like, wow, yeah.

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

Delando: Yeah, I know. I'm three or four different people. One of them I hang out on a regular basis. But I hadn't seen him for a little while. So like I, I, like started hanging out with him like, kind of a couple months ago and he had like, just kind of recovered from it. So, but my friend Kevin had it all. Actually, I like there was a couple of my relatives that and I'll get to like, but I live like on the other side of the state for my relatives, but yeah, like, so I'm back. I have I know, like quite a few people that got it. But I mean, they all survive. So yeah, my brother, my stepmom got it, like months ago. And actually, my mom's convinced that she got it like that pre COVID period back in like November or December. Everybody was just suddenly getting sick. My mom's convinced that she had it around them, and I probably believe it cause she was like, she looked like she was dying around that so

Natasia: You remember Isaiah, right?

Delando: Yeah.

Natasia: Yeah, he was the same way before the gold pandemic started in December. He was really, really sick.

Delando: Like, right around, like, 29, end of 2019, where everybody was just suddenly getting sick. And nobody was sure what it was. Yeah. Like that was probably COVID. So my mom might have had it, too.

Natasia: Yeah. So how was adapting to the virus affected your work?

Delando: Well, like literally, I'm pulling out a camel. So it was 2020. It was March 14, was the last day I worked at Dave and Buster. March 14 of 2020. And that, and that 15th is like when we shut down. So it was almost immediate. Yeah. Like, we basically were laid off and like, told to go for the unemployment and everything else like Dave and Busters from covering it. So it really was more of I just wasn't working for about a month. Almost. And you went to Amazon, right? Yeah, cause literally, that was like the only place that was able to work at the time. It was literally like Amazon or only fans, apparently. And I'm like, Well, I'm not a sexy woman. So I guess it's Amazon. I mean, me and my mom were joking. I could sell like my feet, pigs because I like these giant as feed. But I'm like, Okay, I'll just stick with the Amazon.

Natasia: Yeah. All right. And what would you like to tell future generations about the pandemic?

Delando: Well, it's funny, because I've been saying, like this entire play, I'm like, it's amazing that we can actually like, because this is a lot of these events, is stuff like our grandparents and like great grandparents used to be able to talk to, like, their kids and us about, it's amazing that we can like, kind of be on that same level with like, our kids and grandkids. Yeah. Um, but in the future. Like, if something like this happened again, in like, 20 years, I don't think it'd be nearly as bad. Because like, health care and stuff will probably be a lot better. But and, again, a lot of the reason a lot of us have been able to like survive a lot of this is because we have all this stuff we can do at home now with like Netflix streaming gaming, all this, like, like, this, in itself hasn't been terrible. Like, yeah, it gets a little boring, but and then with all the like, door bashing and like, you know, all the convenience stuff that's popped up, like how we adapted, like, I don't think it will ever be this bad. Like for I mean, the last plague like this was like, 100 and some odd years ago, so I don't think this kind of thing will happen again, for like, another 100 years, or plus,

Natasia: Yeah, technology will be so advanced around that time. So like, more prepared for it. Maybe? I don't know.

Delando: Well, it just how we've adapted to like all this convenient stuff that we're like, again, with Doordash even like, grocery shopping delivery and like all this like, like we literally it won't be hard for us to do this again. Yeah. But the only real problem we've had is all these like anti maskers. And like the viruses a host people, especially your Trump people, I'll say it like put that on the record. But like all these people that like just aren't taking it serious. Like I wasn't that first I'll admit it. Like I was like, No, this is gonna be like the swine flu. And like everything else, like it's gonna go away, and then suddenly we're on lockdown. I'm like, Oh, okay. This is real shit. So, yeah, I don't think like, I don't think future generations, or at least not for a few of them will have to worry about this kind of thing for a while. Like, I mean, just because of how much the world changed with just this. Like we adapted and like, like I don't think and once we like kind of get the Coronavirus, calm down with all the vaccines now, like once a day calms down. Yeah. He, you know, taking it the steps, because I mean, eventually it's gonna wait. We're gonna treat it like the flu. Eventually, it's gonna be like, you know, people are gonna go back to like, not washing their hands and everything else just like we were before. But again, it won't be like nearly as bad. Just because like, just because of how we as a species adapted.

Natasia: Yeah. Well, thank you for your time and thank you for your insight about the pandemic.

Delando: Thank you.