

## Oral History Question for Dorothy Martinez

Interviewer: Karla Noyola

Karla: My name is Karla Noyola, today's date is May 9th, 2022, and I'm here with Dorothy Martinez.

Karla: When did you first hear about the COVID-19 and the lockdown? How did you react to it?

Dorothy: I First heard about it in the news, umm I was in my living room on spring break just watching tv and there was a national news thing. You know the ones with the sirens well it said that Coivd-19 was a national pandemic and I was so scared because I have never experienced a pandemic before so I was like what is going on.

Karla: Did COVID-19 affect your job duties? Were you able to do your job remotely at home? Why or why not?

Dorothy: It did not affect my job duties because I did not work at the time, but it did affect my school activities because I had to go from in-person to remote in just two weeks.

Karla: Has COVID-19 affected your daily activities? For example, what were your activities, and how were they affected?

Dorothy: I think at the time I use to try to go out as much as I could to like do exercise, or like just have some fun so obviously not being able to do that did affect me because I gain a lot of weight. I was very sad cause I didn't have anything to do except being in my room or my house.

Karla: How were your family members, friends, and/or community affected by the pandemic?

Dorothy: About half of my family members got covid in the first two months so for them it was really bad, everyone was really scared so we all just stayed home.

Karla: Where you able to go to the grocery store during the pandemic?

Dorothy: We were but usually only one of my parents would go because they didn't want me to get sick or any of us to catch anything so it would usually be my mom.

Karla: How has your shopping experienced changed as a result of the pandemic?

Dorothy: I usually get scared now cause I don't know what like who touched something or like usually when I go to the grocery store nobody has their mask on, and so I have mine mask on and people just look at me weird now again so I'm just freaked out.

Karla: How has the winter storm affected your community?

Dorothy: Umm some people died in my community because of how cold it was. A lot of people had a lot of house damage because of not being prepared for it.

Karla: Where you worried about the storm, and why or why not?

Dorothy: At first I didn't even know about the storm until the next day, but once I realized it got bad I was worried cause I was afraid of our electricity or water going away.

Karla: What was your town or city response to the winter storm? Was the local government or energy companies prepared for the winter storm?

Dorothy: I think my community tried their best to like help each of us, but I wouldn't say we were prepared for the winter storm.

Karla: Did you lose power or water during the winter storm? How were you and your family affected by this?

Dorothy: I did lose water, not electricity but we were affected because we couldn't even brush our teeth or take showers and it was very uncomfortable.

Karla: What was the food and water situation like during the winter storm?

Dorothy: Umm from what I heard everyone was panicking but thankfully my family had enough things for the entire week.

Karla: Thank you so much for this interview.

Dorothy: Thank you.