

Oral Stories of Covid-19

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Interview with my Mom:

Me: “So what was it like preparing for Covid?”

Mom: “It was terrifying because it did not know what was about to happen. I just wanted our family to be safe. Ultimately, we got the supplies we needed and were prepared to deal with the next few weeks or months.”

Me: “What was shopping like?”

Mom: “Spooky! There were not many items in stock, something I had never seen before.”

Interview with my Dad:

Me: “So what did you do when this thing made it to the US?”

Dad: “I just wanted to make sure I got you back home so we could manage our family. It was all about safety.”

Me: “Did you ever wonder what would happen after this was over?”

Dad: “Yes and no. I did, but until we were back to normal, I did not think about it too much because we had to focus on what was going on at the time.”

Interview with my Grandma:

Me: “So what were your initial thoughts about Covid?”

Grandma: “I just wanted to know what it was and how I could protect myself since I had heard rumors it was particularly dangerous to the elderly.”

Me: “I think everyone was kinda scared, so what did you do in quarantine?”

Grandma: “I love to read books, so I read my fair share during that time, I’m just glad everyone that we know made it through that time ok for the most part.”