

My wife and I were traveling in Italy when this started to blow up there. I think when we got there, there were a couple cases maybe. We were in Venice for Carnivale and then traveled to Florence, Pisa and Lucca. We visited the Uffizi museum and the statue of David and then stayed in a castle overlooking Florence. We traveled by train throughout the cities and lots of boats while in Venice. The Sunday we were going to Florence on the train is when we heard Carnivale was canceled. When we got back on Monday to Venice, it was a very different scene with the piazza's and Campos very empty along with the restaurants.

During our last couple of days in Italy, they started locking things down. Lombardi region, specifically Milan, got put on lockdown and Rome was quickly heading that direction.

We did take precautions and wiping surfaces we were touching down and washing our hands constantly, but did not find any masks we could buy.

The most frustrating part was during our travels back to the US. We flew from Marco Polo airport in Venice to Frankfurt airport and then to Denver. We received absolutely no screening or testing whatsoever during that entire trip. The crazy thing is that we received a forehead scan on the way into Frankfurt going to Italy, but absolutely nothing on the way home.

While we were both lucky enough to be able to work from home, we both had some mild symptoms and felt given our recent return from Italy that we should get tested. Because of the sole fact that we were not running a temperature it took us over a week to actually get a test and then a few more days to get the results. I feel very fortunate and surprised that we tested negative.