

The Covid-19 Pandemic History of:  
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Hi! My name is Jaisey Rindlisbacher. I turned 40 during the pandemic, but I also had my 41st birthday at the end of it. Some positive things that happened during the pandemic was that my husband got to work from home, we saw more of our children & spent more time together. We got to do lots of deep cleaning, we found creative ways to serve our neighbors, and we became better at worshipping on Sunday's.

I first heard about this pandemic on the news when we were unpacking our new couches. I had all of the friends sent home, and we started to quarantine ourselves. It was scary for the kids because they thought they would never be able to see their friends for a very long time. I was impressed that they found ways to *play* while quarantined. They went on walks, they stayed 6 feet apart and jumped on the tramp, and they also just had a picnic and ate outside, 6 feet apart.

When the COVID-19 vaccine came out, it helped me realize that Heavenly Father hears our prayers because we have been praying that we could find an end to this pandemic. It also makes me feel grateful that we are in a season of time where we have advanced medicine. The vaccine has also made me feel more comfortable going outside without my mask. I was really happy when in some stores, we didn't have to wear masks. It helped me to get done what I needed to get done, the time that I needed to get it done. I could breathe in the stores and I wouldn't have to worry about forgetting my mask in the car or at home.

The pandemic isn't all bad, though. Things that have happened during the pandemic that I want to stay is that I hope my husband doesn't have to travel as much and I hope to take advantage of spending more quality time with my children. Also feeling like taking advantage of remembering that we are all brothers and sisters and that we are all responsible for helping each other, having challenges that are the same. But on the other hand, I don't want masks and social distancing because it keeps me from connecting with people in deep and meaningful ways.

I think this pandemic made me think that everybody has their own opinions on things and that the differences of opinions are positive. Even though opinions are good, it is important that we don't get mean with other people when sharing our opinions.

Of all of my experiences, being a mother has shaped me the most. Also, having a son with a disability has also shaped me, my thoughts, and my perspectives in life.

Other than the pandemic, there were other scary events like fires, earthquakes, and stores running out of food. Other than the pandemic, the most important event that occurred to me was again, being a mother. I am a mother of 4 kids, and have 1 dog. A son with a disability has also been challenging for me, so I think that is definitely the most important event that has ever happened to me.

I know that the pandemic will end. We live in an era of advanced medicine and inspired minds are blessing this world. Vaccines are now available. There could be another pandemic, though. The last one was 100 years ago... so there might be another one in another 100 years. Although I'm not really sure when another pandemic will occur.

The masks affected me because it was inconvenient. Sometimes I would forget my mask and I would have to wait another day to go to the store. It was also hard to breathe and sing with a mask. I do think it was a good idea and I can see how it has helped keep our children in school. I have also missed seeing people's faces & their facial expressions. I hadn't realized how much facial expression helps us to communicate.

Although the murder hornets effected other people in the world, I am happy to say that they didn't effect us at all! I do feel sorry for the people that had to experience those hornets because I can tell you this, I would be freaking out if they came to my house!

The fires that occurred in other parts of the world such as California and Australia made me feel more compassionate towards our Australian brothers and sisters. When we start to see how other people suffer the effects, for ourselves, it gives us perspective towards others. The fires here in Utah, are now considered small compared to the other fires in Australia and California. It was a blessing that our family didn't really get affected by the fires, and we also didn't get affected by the murder hornets.

In general, I felt our family was so fortunate to have gone through the pandemic and benefited from the blessings of COVID-19. We drew closer as a family. Our perspective about the important things of life changed. My husband was home with our family full time for the first time in 17 years, my husband kept his job, we were able to find the food we needed, our loved ones stayed healthy, and our children were able to go to school. I know not everyone had this same experience. We just got the COVID-19 vaccine and feel thankful for modern day medicine and God inspiring the minds of scientists to bring out this vaccine.