

## My Covid-19 Story

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I remember when I first heard about the Corona Virus, I was walking down the halls as a junior of my high school. At first, I thought it was an inside joke my school had made since the name of my school was Corona Del Sol, but that day my history teacher showed us a CNN student news video and provided me with the information of what was going on in our world. I would have never thought to what extent this situation would impact our living and world. I had just turned seventeen when that happened, now I am a nineteen-year-old freshman in college, and coronavirus is still present in our lives. A new way of living was introduced to us, more technology, new hobbies were discovered, more time with family was appreciated, but at the same time there was also destruction happening around us and many deaths. I remember my mom and I got COVID and seeing my mom's misery and suffering was very painful and there was no way for me to help or medication to give to assist her in any way. It was one of those moments where you are just standing there and feeling useless.

During that time, my church would have zoom calls to still feel connected in any way, and I remember observing that my generation specifically was finding it harder to grasp the concept that something so horrible can be happening in our world when we supposedly serve a gracious God. Many doubtful and confused thoughts made their way through my head and many other people as well, not only was this a problem in my religion/beliefs but for others as well. I recall that during the presidential election, there were many controversial discussions on which president would handle the pandemic a lot better. At that time, I was taking a government and economics class as an elective senior year, and people would debate about Biden and Trump, and if he were president, it wouldn't be this bad and just in general talking about the power that each person would have. I think having a woman vice president at this time has really opened people's eyes to see how much this world is changing, and there's been so much change because of COVID, that when a woman came in as vice president, people around me were very proud and very in awe of this good change that we needed in our society at the time and at that moment.