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Picture by Alexis Zizumbo: March 15, 2020



Picture by Alexis Zizumbo: April 12, 2020



Photograph taken by Alexis Zizumbo: July 12, 2020



Picture taken by Alexis Zizumbo: November 15, 2020

The reason why I chose these photographs and in this sequence was because they are all different stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the first photograph I took a picture of my mother which so happened to be at the very beginning stages of the lockdown that we were going to be under and something that you may notice is that we have no protective face cover and that is because no one was required to wear a mask. The reason I chose that photograph first was because when I took this photo I was shocked at how empty the shelves were because I wasn't used to seeing empty shelves where water and toilet paper were supposed to be. This

photograph speaks to millions of Americans as well in different parts of the globe because due to lockdowns people began to panic buy and hoard necessities like water, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies. The next photograph was taken in April which was a month after when we were on a strict lockdown and nothing was open except grocery stores and it was only to buy food so my family and I kept busy with a puzzle that we finished together. I chose to add this photograph because as an American we are spoiled to be able to leave our house every day and go off on a shopping spree but when this pandemic hit our reality set in and we had to be quarantined in home. Finishing a puzzle something that relieves stress (most of the time) so this was the pass time for many Americans and I know this for a fact because when I went to a Walmart or Target they had no board games left on their shelves. The next photograph was taken on July 12 at the border wall between Tijuana and San Diego. The reason I chose to add this photo was because the store behind it. My father decided to take a trip to visit his family in Mexico but when he booked his plane ticket at the Los Angeles Airport (LAX) there was no outgoing flights anywhere due to the lockdown we were under. Due to this my father ended up booking a flight from the airport in Tijuana so we had to drive him and pick him up as soon as he arrived. It's mind blowing to think that LAX, the most heavily filled airport with traffic traveling in and out 24/7, would not have a plane heading towards anywhere at the time due to the pandemic. Now for the last photograph which was taken in November 15, happened when my mother and I decided to go Christmas shopping at our local Macy's. During this time the Mall had been open for at least a month if not more but we decided to stay away from being in crowded areas. I took this photograph because I thought it was funny to see seagulls that appeared to be social distancing and staying 6 feet apart from each other. Since this was our first outing to the mall since the lockdown was set in place we did not know the precautions that were being set in clothing stores. All these photographs show the different stages of the pandemic from lockdown to the stages of reopening in California again.