

"I think that essential workers are a vital part of the Pandemic, while everyone else is at home, these workers are risking they health and to a extent, their life to make sure that others can live through the pandemic or even get food."- Corwin Charles, 6th grade

Going to a supermarket, usually you just think about getting the food, then getting out of there. You walk in, get your food, go to the check out, then go. However, there's always someone helping you there, whether you like it or not. They're called cashiers. You always walk past them, or don't pay attention to them. Meanwhile they're always helping you get you your groceries.

Or maybe you hear a siren outside. Usually you don't think about it much, or even get annoyed at it. But the people outside are paramedics, trying to get their patient to the hospital as quick as they possibly can. And they do it routinely.

Now i'm not saying everyone doesn't pay attention to these things, but most people do.

These are just a few examples of essential workers, that range from delivery people trying to get you your package, to firefighters charging into a building on fire, to grocery workers having to deal with all types of people, to healthcare workers trying to operate people on a daily basis. These are the people that we don't really pay much attention to, yet play such a big role in our communities.

Especially now, in the pandemic.

According to California, an essential worker during this pandemic are "**Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings such as hospitals and senior living facilities, including any facility supporting COVID-19**" this means that basically anyone that can support other people, and that are *Absolutely Necessary* to society.

I interviewed a classmate (jude shumaker), and they said "the people on the front lines that have helped so many people and if you don't wear your mask in public you are endangering them." so please, PLEASE, wear a mask, or you are hurting the people that have helped you and others countless times.

Thank you.

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