

Storytelling Project

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1) How has your life changed since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

I'm more cautious with who I come in contact with in the streets.

2) What were the main or most trusted sources you received information about COVID-19 from? How did you act upon the information you received? Have you developed any new sources of information?

-Social Media and public bulletin boards is where I turn to for my information.

-Being more cautious and following CDC protocols.

-Not really

3) What was the hardest/biggest challenge for you or your family during/amidst COVID-19?

-Most of the stores are closed down. I rely on stores like Walmart for heat and to occupy my day.

- To find shelter that will help you feel safe and secure.

4) In what ways did you address the challenges of COVID-19? What challenges do you expect will remain post-COVID-19?

-I turn to NJ211 and social services for housing.

-Wearing a mask in public.

5) What are your greatest fears moving forward?

- Not being noticed

6) Did you have any conversations with healthcare or other service providers about COVID-19? What did this conversation look like? Who said what?

-No conversations

7) What COVID-19 resources are you aware of, or have you benefited from?

- Any Hospital that is closest to me

8) Do you think that all communities have been treated equally during COVID?

Were there populations who were favored over others?

-No, the homeless people. We can hand out in the transportation center anymore. I rely on that area for heat or air condition.

9) Who do you think was left out of NJ's emergency COVID response? Why were they left out?

-I don't know enough information to answer this question.

10)What do you think NJ could have done better?

-Provide more resources for youth to utilize. It uncomfortable to be placed in a program or a shelter with adults who have other issues going on like substance abuse and/or mental illness. I get nervous thinking about contracting Covid19 in a shelter.