

Storytelling Project

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- 1) How has your life changed since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?** *Life has become harder when it comes to finding a job. In addition, being trap [sic] in the house and not being able to socialize is stressful. It give [sic] me a pessimistic view on life. I start to believe that the pandemic is a permanent thing.*

- 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?**
CNN News. Its annoying and triggering hearing the word. It's like a roller coaster that you want to get off of. Social media has become a new source; However, I try not to pay attention to that information because people like to agitate the situation.

- 3) What was the hardest/biggest challenge for you or your family during/amidst COVID-19?**
Hearing that some of my family members have been diagnosed with Covid-19, because it hit so close to home. It instills fear in me.

- 4) In what ways did you address the challenges of COVID-19? What challenges do you expect will remain post-COVID-19?**
*I address the challenges by trying to follow protocol and have more positive thoughts.
I expect for the financial burden on people to remain after covid19 is done.*

5) What are your greatest fears moving forward?
Lack of safety and being uncomfortable with the new reality.

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, I haven't had any conversations.

7) What COVID-19 resources are you aware of, or have you benefited from?
I took a test at Inspira Hospital, only to follow protocol before being admitted.

8) Do you think that all communities have been treated equally during COVID? Were there populations who were favored over others?
No, I've seen in social media that people in lower social economic status suffer the most during the pandemic.

9) Who do you think was left out of NJ's emergency COVID response? Why were they left out? *Homeless and families of lower income people. Families had to adjust their lives to virtual learning and children who have been abused had to be force to be home with their abusers.*

10)What do you think NJ could have done better?
Provide more resources and funds to the families in need.