

Who would have thought a year ago that we would be in the middle of a pandemic? I will tell you that I did not see it coming. Working in a very popular electronic store and seeing stuff unfold almost daily whether it be from upper management or from social media nobody was prepared for what was going to happen. In March I was given the option of taking two weeks off paid which I opted in for because I had no idea just how deadly this virus was. Two weeks turned into a month very fast and the option came up to me being furloughed or me coming back to work and not losing my job potentially I chose to come back to work. To begin with we were only allowing employees to come into the store to do online picks for product that the customers would come up to the door and we would check the product out to them. Following that we would only let people in by appointment only, mind you that people were slowly getting angrier and angrier. Eventually we were allowing people to come into the store at a cap of 60 people at a time which no manager followed that rule. Seeing how little a major retailer cared about their employees versus the customers almost yelling at you because you didn't have a certain product in stock showed how much people care about retail employees. I think it should be mandatory that every person work at least 6 months in retail to show what we must deal with daily. During the height of a pandemic I was seeing and being close to hundreds of people every day and nothing for it. So, the next time you decide to be mean to the person in the uniform just keep in mind that we are people too and that we have feelings also. We are in this pandemic too and are suffering just as much if not more.