

Transcript of Oral History Monologue by Emerson Lo

Interviewee: Emerson Lo

Interviewer: Self

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Abstract: In this monologue, Emerson Lo answers questions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected his school and personal life.

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The date is May 26, 2020. My name is Emerson Lo, and I'm really focused on my studies and taking advantage of this time to improve my grades. Since I haven't been out too much, I've been playing a lot of video games recently. I live in the city of Sierra Madre, and it's really- it's a really nice neighborhood. Yes, because I haven't been able to talk to my teachers for a long time. If this keeps on going on, then the concerns I have are, how are our classes going to be graded. Are we going to take quizzes and tests? And how are we going to learn the material clearly? Yes, my parents have been affected by it due to the fact that they can't really find that much work. I pretty much trained myself to do chores and every day and to exercise. Hasn't changed anything because I always use Discord to talk with my friends, or other text my family on iMessage. My biggest challenge is to adapt to all this online schooling that I have. From talking to my friends, they seem really bored of this quarantine. Most of my friends were happy that the school- school was out as soon- but as soon as we heard about quarantine, they became more eager to get outside. COVID-19 hasn't changed any relationships with my family, friends, and community. Have not gotten sick yet during this quarantine. I think that quarantine is affecting other people's mental health due to the fact that they're inside their homes 24/7 and can't socialize. My primary source of news is Instagram and Google. Instagram might have changed a little bit, but Google hasn't changed much. Germs can stick on the surfaces for a long time and take a long time to die. The California government has ordered a quarantine, masks are required when entering a store, and free lunches at school have been canceled. Not really, because I haven't been paying attention to what our government or president has to say. No, I don't think my experience transformed into how I think about family, friends or community. Always prepared for the worst. Never take anything lightly and always try to keep clean.