

My parents had planned a dinner with all of our cousins and other family members. It had been a pretty long time since we gathered in one house to enjoy a meal. It was like any dinner we've had in the past, good food, a ton of loud conversations and an overall good time. Later that week, my mom got a call from my Uncle saying his entire family tested positive. That prompted my family to get tested and thankfully only one person tested positive but she was asymptomatic. My cousins who tested positive had zero symptoms but my Uncle caught the worst of it. At first he tried to downplay it but he eventually had to be taken to the hospital. He also is a heart patient so we decided to take no chances and took him in as early as we could. He mostly had chills and trouble breathing. It got worse over the week and eventually he was on a vent. This was a pretty rough week and even though it looked bleak at one point, he would eventually improve and be taken off the vent. Seeing COVID first hand makes me even more vigilant and I advise everyone to get vaccinated and make sure your loved ones stay safe.