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What were your thoughts when the first COVID-19 cases were being diagnosed in China? Did you expect it to spread to the US?

Many people were making jokes about it. I really didn't expect anything.

How have things changed for you and/or your family since the outbreak?

I haven't seen my brothers in a very long time because they're stuck where they live.

For you, what is the worst thing about this?

Not knowing when it will go away.

In your experience so far, what, if anything, has been positive about this?

I have more time to work on stuff that I want to work on.

Tell us about a moment or experience during this time that you will never forget.

I had an exchange program planned. The day I found out it was canceled, many other things were being closed down and canceled. It just happened really fast.

Pretend it is the year 2050 and another pandemic is looming--what would you tell someone who has just asked what it was like to live through the 2020 pandemic?

Don't listen to the News on TV. It usually is not the truth and is making things seem worse or not as bad as it actually is. Read credible sources or watch your state governor when they give information.