Talk Time with Meg T

applause as the crowd goes crazy as amazing host Megan T walks onto the stage *Megan stands and waves before she sits down* *the crowd falls silent*

Megan: Welcome back everyone to "Talk Time with Meg!" *someone throws roses at Megan* Oh thank you so much! So tonight we have a special guest joining us today to talk about how the virus Covid-19 has affected their life. Here with us tonight is *gradual drums to drive up suspense* my good friend Alaina P!

crowd goes wild as Alaina P walks out from secret side door in the back of the show, confetti cannons go off as Alaina P sits down in a chair next to Megan

Megan: Hi! It's been so long thanks for coming on the show

Alaina: Hey thanks so much for having me! I haven't been out in so long, I've been spending most of my time working on school and being with my family.

Megan: Tell me about it, I haven't been able to go anywhere in forever, as I assume most of you can relate to. *points to the crowd*. So let's get to the main point, today we're here to talk about how Covid-19 has affected your daily life. First I want to start off with what were your initial thoughts about the statewide lockdown back in March?

Alaina: At first I didn't think much of it, I thought it wasn't anything that would be super serious or actually be enforced. I thought it was just something that the government had to do so that people thought things were under control.

Megan: I honestly had the same feeling about it too. Now for the next question, what were some things you started doing during quarantine? Was there anything new you found out you liked?

Alaina: Actually yes, when quarantine first started I messed around a lot with painting and drawing. I'm not great at it either, but I enjoyed it a lot to keep me busy, and I still try it sometimes.

Megan: I feel like most people got into a habit of cooking or drawing, as well as attempting to learn Tik Tok dances, me included. *audience laughs*. Now I know that when quarantine hit you were a high school senior, can you describe how missing some major life events made you feel?

Alaina: Honestly missing prom and my final band concerts hurt a lot more than missing my graduation. At that point we were all over it and ready to move on, plus none of us had actually experienced a graduation before so we didn't really know what we were missing out on. But for band I made all my best friends there, they were my family and it hurt so much knowing I didn't get to have one final hurrah with everyone.

Megan: I totally understand what you're saying, as a fellow band geek and the person who sat right next to you for 8 years, I get how hard it was to say goodbye. I can admit I cried numerous times over not getting to finish the year. So we know you've missed out on major events, but how did the major changes brought by Covid-19 impact your mental and physical health?

Alaina: My physical health remained the same, although my mental health dropped significantly. For a while in lockdown it was hard not to feel isolated and alone being away from my friends for that long. At

one point my friends and I would go to a parking lot and sit in our cars and talk, just to feel somewhat normal.

Megan: That was some pretty good innovating to see each other, it's crazy how Covid brought brand new ways of communicating with each other. So we're running out of time so we only have time for one last question, although none of us know what the future will hold, what do you think is going to happen? Are you optimistic about this whole situation?

Alaina: I personally don't think things will go back to normal for a long time, if they even do go back to normal, but I wish they would. Sometimes I say that we all should just pretend it doesn't exist and that if you get sick you just have a really bad cold, but I know that's not how it actually works. I'm trying to stay optimistic about the whole thing but I really don't know how much more of this I can take.

Megan: I think we all hope this will go away soon, it's about time. So that's our time for today, thank you so much for coming on our show and I hope to see you all next week!

camera pans out at Alaina and Megan smiling and the audience cheering

Megan T and Alaina P are both real people, as well as this was a real conversation between the two girls. Unfortunately though, Talk Time with Meg T is not a real show. Sorry for the inconvenience