Interviewee: Alfonso (Pseudonym) Interviewer: Claire Ganschow

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**Abstract/Summary:** In this interview, questions were carried out regarding the first contacts and thoughts about the pandemic, reactions, ways in which daily life has changed, how the interviewee and their nearby environment have been affected, the decision to get themselves vaccinated and how the vaccine has changed their daily life. The interviewee has family in Mexico.

#### 00:00:01 Claire

Okay. Is it okay if we record this interview?

#### 00:00:03 Alfonso

Yes.

#### 00:00:05 Claire

To start, today is April 14th, 2021. There are 31, 076, 891 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the United States and there are 559, 741 deaths. In Wisconsin, there are 586, 632 confirmed cases of Covid-19 and 6, 690 deaths. [shuffling papers] The first question is, when did you find out for the first time about Covid-19? What were your thoughts on the matter?

#### 00:00:46 Alfonso

Well, that Covid would all be bad, yeah. Because if it hit us and we would already be there [the voice of the interviewee gets confused with the background voices] and then there would not even be, what it is called, not even the vaccine or anything.

# 00:00:58 Claire

Yes, of course. No, there was not a lot of information. No information. Yeah. How have your thoughts changed since then?

#### 00:01:12 Alfonso

No, well we are doing well. Still having confidence, yes. Our days have given [interviewee's voice gets confused with the background voices] Yes.

#### 00:01:21 Claire

And what worries did you have about the effects from the coronavirus regarding your employment, family's economic situation, community, or anything more in general? [background voices]

## 00:01:33 Alfonso

If it reaches us here, not even our family can get to us here. And we can't even get there. Yes and with what's already happening here with COVID, we can't go there, so here we are and we're staying. Covid's here and it's here to stay.

## 00:01:48 Claire

Of course. And your family is here?

## 00:01:52 Alfonso

No.

## 00:01:53 Claire

No?

#### 00:01:54 Alfonso

No, they are in Mexico.

## 00:01:56 Claire

Ahm. And so then what influence has Covid-19 had on your family?

## 00:02:02 Alfonso

None.

## 00:02:04 Claire

None? Okay, that is good.

# 00:02:06 Alfonso

All, all is okay.

## 00:02:09 Claire

Have your family's daily activities changed?

# 00:02:13 Alfonso

Yes, well they still cannot go out but they are no longer locked up. Yes.

## 00:02:17 Claire

Yes, ahm, do you have kids?

# 00:02:19 Alfonso

Yes I have two kids.

#### 00:02:21 Claire

Okay and do they go to school or not?

## 00:02:22 Alfonso

Now, no, they still aren't having class.

## 00:02:25 Claire

Okay.

## 00:02:26 Alfonso

Only online.

## 00:02:27 Claire

And the classes were online? Ah. Okay. Okay, it is hard, no? For your children to go to the classes. It is difficult for me too because I have classes.

#### 00:02:43 Alfonso

Well, with their mom, she's who is in charge. Daily, they have to be there.

## 00:02:47 Claire

Mhhh. It is difficult. How has the Covid-19 outbreak affected your community? Like church, your job, your school, your children's school or clubs? Things along those lines? [indistinct background conversations]

#### 00:03:06 Alfonso

Well, everything is good now, everything is different. They don't teach themselves what the teacher taught them, they just can't. Right now, they have already gone down. What goes up, learning wise, is already down. They can't learn in the way that it was before. Well if perhaps Covid didn't hit each person as bad, it wouldn't be too bad. Covid hasn't hit there yet. Right now, it's all good.

## 00:03:39 Claire

Did you or someone you know get sick during the pandemic?

## 00:03:43 Alfonso

No, none.

## 00:03:45 Claire

Good. I had Covid-19. Now you know someone. [laughing]

## 00:03:49 Alfonso

Yes.

# 00:03:50 Claire

Yes, I believe last November.

# 00:03:55 Alfonso

Ah ha. [sits down]

## 00:03:57 Claire

And why did you decide to get vaccinated?

## 00:04:01 Alfonso

While they offered it to us, our boss asked us, 'do you guys want to get vaccinated?' [ps] Yes, you have to be there.

# 00:04:07 Claire

Yes, it's free.

## 00:04:08 Alfonso

Yes, in part it's free.

# 00:04:11 Claire

Ahm. I have three other questions. Do you feel safer spending time with other people after receiving the vaccine?

## 00:04:23 Alfonso

Yes, yes.

# 00:04:26 Claire

Has your daily life changed after receiving the vaccine? [background voices]

## 00:04:34 Alfonso

Yes, [ps] well now we can talk, walk around, or whatever.

## 00:04:36 Claire

Sure.

# 00:04:37 Alfonso

Before, no one could get together. Each one to their own.

## 00:04:41 Claire

Yes, you can leave the house.

## 00:04:43 Alfonso

Yes, now we can talk more confidently. [both laugh]

## 00:04:45 Claire

Yes, what do you think about the nursing students that are administering the vaccine?

# 00:04:53 Alfonso

No, it's good.

## 00:04:57 Claire

Very good, and the last question. Do you have any recommendations so that we can better the clinic in the future? [background voices]

## 00:05:12 Alfonso

[ps] [laughs]

# 00:05:13 Claire

No? No? All good.

## 00:05:15 Alfonso

All good.

# 00:05:16 Claire

Good, good. Do you have any other comments?

## 00:05:20 Alfonso

No, that is all because they are waiting for me.

# 00:05:23 Claire

Okay. That's alright [laughs]