

**Interviewee:** Diego (Pseudonym)

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**Abstract/Summary:** In this meeting, the interviewee responds to questions regarding personal thoughts about how the pandemic has affected their life, customs, and the lives and customs of their family and acquaintances. Also, this interview approaches the thoughts about the vaccine, the interviewee's consumption of information, and the response that the government has against the COVID-19 crisis. The interviewee is originally from Mexico and works on a farm.

**00:00:02 Breida**

Today is March 24th, 2021. Today there are 29, 381, 385 confirmed cases in the United States and 540, 503 deaths. Also, there are 572,770 confirmed cases in the state of Wisconsin and 6,576 deaths. The first question is, when did you first find out about COVID-19 and what were your thoughts about it?

**00:00:41 Diego**

For me, not only did I know nothing more than what I was hearing about it, but I listened to and reflected on things with the people that I worked with. Thank God that no, until now on the farms where I have worked, COVID-19 hasn't hit us. We haven't gotten sick. But yes I was more worried when I started hearing about the people that were getting sick as well as how many people were dying. A lot of worry and fear. That's when I started to get scared.

**00:01:20 Breida**

How have your thoughts about COVID-19 changed since then?

**00:01:25 Diego**

Well, I don't know. I don't know if there are times that, I imagine, you can get sick from the food you eat. COVID-19 is already here and I think that it will continue. But as you know, we can get rid of it. [background voices]

**00:01:59 Breida**

Yes. What problems were you most worried about during the pandemic?

**00:02:06 Diego**

Primarily, not as much here, but at a global scale, people that are losing their jobs and factories

are closing. Mainly people dying, but now who knows if that's already gone down. But at first, all the factories, businesses, and restaurants closing paired with so many people without a job.

**00:02:41 Breida**

Yeah. What worries did you all have about the effects of COVID-19 regarding your employment and economic situation? [background conversation]

**00:02:54 Diego**

Okay, well my job until now has been fine, economically I'm alright too. I was worried about if COVID-19 would come, well because COVID-19 is so serious and spreads fast and because of that, people get into a panic, like all the businesses and bosses that are going under. Obviously worrying about being without a job. [nods head in agreement].

**00:03:26 Breida**

Has the coronavirus affected your job up until now?

**00:03:28 Diego**

Not any one of us, no. We have always stayed working on the farms. Thanks to God, people didn't get sick, at least everyone that we have worked with on this type of cow farm. But out there at other jobs, in factories, you can't not get sick. [background voices]

**00:03:57 Breida**

What influence has COVID-19 had on your family?

**00:04:04 Diego**

In my family, thank God no one has gotten sick. Even though some acquaintances have died, our family has been good until today, thank God. They haven't gotten sick, no one.

**00:04:21 Breida**

Yes, that's great, right? In what way have your daily activities changed?

**00:04:32 Diego**

Until now, my daily activities have been the same. Here, all of the schedules that we use on the farm, working at night, in the morning, in the afternoon have been normal. They haven't changed. Everything is the same.

**00:04:54 Breida**

[background voices] Has COVID-19 changed your relationships with family members, friends, or your community?

**00:05:08 Diego**

No. It hasn't changed anything, regarding communication, it's the same. It has stayed the same and normal.

**00:05:17 Breida**

Do you still see them as much as you had before COVID?

**00:05:21 Diego**

Yes. With friends and family, there's always someone we're in contact with. Everything continues on and is the same.

**00:05:31 Breida**

Did you or someone you know get sick with COVID? [background voices]

**00:05:39 Diego**

I think so, yes. There are people that work around here, around Uclés, towards 29. Not much more than acquaintances but I believe that they got sick. I'm not exactly sure if they got sick, but they recovered. Thank God.

**00:05:56 Breida**

They recovered well, everyone is good?

**00:05:58 Diego**

Yes.

**00:06:02 Breida**

Why did you decide to get vaccinated?

**00:06:06 Diego**

Our boss invited us and told us about it. With what we know about this sickness in our world, and that people are giving out a vaccine, we decided to get it.

**00:06:18 Breida**

Do you have an opinion about the vaccine? [background voices]

**00:06:22 Diego**

It's good, I think that the vaccine is going to help us prevent the sickness a little bit. Now we are going to be...

**00:06:38 Breida**

Have you heard things about the vaccine in the news or on the internet?

**00:06:46 Diego**

In our country, okay no, not in our country but just at a global level yes.

[A third person interrupts the interview asking how much time is left until the end. The interviewee should go back to work.]

**00:07:00 Diego**

What was the question? In our country, I've heard about the vaccines that have been initiated, or that a vaccine already exists.

**00:07:13 Breida**

Yes, you're happy to be able to...

**00:07:14 Diego**

Yes, in Mexico the vaccine has already been administered, they are administering it. [background voices]

**00:07:21 Breida**

It's a good step in the right direction. Okay, I will let you go so you can go back to work.