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1. When did you first hear about the Coronavirus?

In January from news reports

2. What was your reaction then?

I remember being curious about the virus, and did hope it was watched closely by health officials

3. Who all lives in your home? and what challenges or changes had to take place specific to who lives in the home?

Our immediate family is all home. Several challenges with the kids and their ages. On-line schooling is a new challenge and the role play of our college, middle school, and elementary age children. Adjusting is an ongoing process, but very grateful we are all healthy and together

4. When did the virus first become "real" to you? Or, when did it first affect your life?

School closings.

5. What things changed right away? How did you feel when the schools closed?

I don't remember the first thing that changed, but when we received notice about the school closings, it became all too real. I was very surprised and felt our Governor had over re-acted at the time. The younger kids were honestly excited, no more school, so they thought. Little did they know, they would still hold class from our home, and the lesson plans would be made by Mom, and not the teacher, until the school had a plan. Thankful for our teachers and our school.

6. What things changed so slowly you weren't aware of it at the time?

The change in the economy. Protecting the people from a disease, at first, covered the underlying issue to come with the fall of the economy. I don't want anyone to get the disease, or any other disease for that matter, but the shutdown has done far more damage than the disease itself. The US has been quick to respond to fight COVID-19 by finding preventions, cures, and special care for those who are sick, just as with other diseases. For this, the US health officials and the front-line workers should be commended and thanked.

7. What is your job/business situation right now?

Business is as usual with our lobby closed.

8. When do you think life will get back to normal and why at that time?

That is a very good question. I don't have an answer for that. Even when our Governor decides to open our State, the effects will show for months and maybe into next year.

9. What things do you think will temporarily change in a "new normal" and what things do you think will change long term in the "new normal"?

How business, education and communication can be done virtually. I still like person to person business, education and communication. I do wonder how much of an impact the force of virtual work will hold in our future.

10. What is your reaction now?

I know God is in control and I am grateful for my family, time together, and my job.