

1. Name, age, pronouns, where you live
 - a. Jules Good, 21 years old, they/them, Somersworth, NH, USA.
2. Identity description—disabled, chronically ill, neurodivergent, etc. (Please feel free to include any other identifiers you find relevant and would like to share)
 - a. I am a late-deaf, multiply disabled, neurodivergent nonbinary person.
3. When did you first learn about the pandemic? What was your experience with this? Emotions?
 - a. Specifically, do you remember where you were?
 - i. I remember hearing about the virus on February 29th, 2020. I think I was in a university class and heard talk of some virus in China.
 - b. What was one of the first conversations you had about the pandemic?
 - i. I got an email from my university saying that we would not be returning to campus for at least a few weeks. We had just started our Spring break. That's when it felt very real to me, and I started talking to my boyfriend at the time and his roommates about a plan to stay safe.
4. How has your experience with the pandemic changed over the course of the past nine months or so?
 - a. I remember feeling very disillusioned with the idea of a new year starting at the beginning of 2021. For a while it had looked like things would clear up by then, but here we were, celebrating New Year's Eve over Zoom. When I got my vaccine in May, I started to feel cautiously optimistic for myself, but still very scared for my immunocompromised friends and colleagues. I realized at the beginning of the Summer that life would be like this for a long time, and began to accept that as a way to build more virtual community and do local work to keep vulnerable folks safe. I think we are at a critical time for disability justice-- society cannot "unlearn" all of the accessibility the pandemic has brought to our community, and as things change and shift in and out of being in person, we have a prime opportunity to experiment with optimizing accessibility and inclusion in many settings.
5. What has your experience been as a disabled person throughout the pandemic?
 - a. As a deaf person, masks have been kind of the defining mark of the pandemic for me. I used to be much more independent because I read lips very well-- I rarely had to ask for accommodations, other than at large events. Masks made me learn how to ask for help, and how to advocate for my communication needs. Additionally, the pandemic has unfortunately opened my eyes to how little people seem to care about the disabled community. I have had political representatives laugh in my face for advocating for remote access to civic proceedings. My friends have been intentionally coughed on and harassed for continuing to wear masks. COVID has shown how quickly people can mobilize

for both good efforts (mutual aid, for example), and terrible efforts that harm others.

6. How has your disability impacted/informed how you have dealt with the pandemic?
 - a. Answered this in Question 5 I think
7. What have your relationships with people been like throughout this? Have your relationships with people changed?
 - a. If you've had to distance yourself from people because you haven't felt comfortable with lack of safety precautions, how has this gone?
 - i. People have been pretty respectful for the most part, but I am not high-risk and therefore have been taking the same risk mitigation measures as the average person I think-- masking, social distancing, testing when needed.
8. Where do you currently/who do you currently live with? Has this been impacted by the pandemic?
 - a. I live in Somersworth, NH. I have moved 3 times over the course of the pandemic-- once for personal reasons, once for work, and the final time to be closer to my support network after a series of health issues and traumatic events. I have lived by myself this entire time, which I have grown to appreciate. It was very lonely at first, but now that I can safely see people within my bubble and congregate outside, it has been much nicer.
 - b. Do you have personal care attendants? If so, has this been impacted by the pandemic?
 - i. I do not have personal care attendants.
9. Do you feel like your relationships with different institutions (such as health care, government, or media) has changed during this time? If so, how?
 - a. I have become much more connected to involved with media and government over the course of the pandemic. I have done a lot of policy advocacy related to remote access and its continuation "post"-pandemic. I have connected to a much larger online community than I ever had before. Disability Twitter has been a lifesaver during this time, especially as I have been navigating non-COVID-related disability stuff.
10. What has been the hardest thing about living during this pandemic?
 - a. The uncertainty and the abject cruelty. I used to think humans were fundamentally good. Now, I'm not so sure if that's true for everyone. I have seen people behave so awfully during this time, and it breaks my heart.
11. Have there been any silver linings?

I have been able to connect to a robust online community. Remote work and widened access to video conferencing has made doing my consulting work much easier. Society has learned that a lot of the 'rules' of capitalism that harm disabled people are but a

mere construct, and we can operate without them (whether or not we choose to do so is an entirely different story).