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Title Interview with India Kellman

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Description Interview with India Kellman. Interviewed by Felicia Pilewski on December 5, 2022 at the Ives Branch of the New Haven Public Library in New Haven, Connecticut. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the time of interview India was a full-time high school student. Her first recollection of covid was when her high school closed for an extended break. She had also been excited about an internship at Yale University, which was shut down due to covid. India was initially a bit skeptical about the vaccine, but received it in order to go to college in New York and to “be on the safe side.” She agreed with mask mandates. India received her information by listening to many people and finding similarities among their statements regarding how to deal with covid. During the pandemic India used the internet to attend high school and college courses. Her family also used the internet for her mother’s telehealth appointments. She also recalls the internet being a strong outlet for the Black Lives Matter movement. She recalled the tense feeling surrounding the 2020 election and the social media craze during the 2021 Capitol insurrection. India discussed the struggle of taking care of her sick mother during the pandemic. It negatively impacted her mental health

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because at the same time her mother's health was declining, she was finishing high school and preparing to go to college. Covid and the loss of her mother to breast cancer during the pandemic made India more appreciative of "life and the small things." The pandemic offered India time to reflect and figure out who she is. The greatest lesson she learned during the pandemic was to appreciate the time you have with people.

Dimensions Duration: 36 Minutes, 35 Seconds