

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Keysy Gomez

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Description Interview with Keysy Gomez. Interviewed by Joselyn Vega on 6 June 2022 at New Britain High School, 110 Mill St., New Britain, 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 the interview Keysy was a high school student. She first heard about COVID during an after-school program and the first disruption to her life was transitioning to online school. Though she was not old enough to vote, she recalls that the 2020 election caused a lot of chaos and negatively impacted friendships. Keysy believes that people should have personal choice when it comes to themselves, but that they should consider how their choices affect others. She felt that the internet was helpful for doing schoolwork but was also not helpful because people were sharing fake information and choosing to stay inside online rather than spend time with friends. Keysy moved twice during the pandemic and felt that she lost a lot of friendships. She found new hobbies including skating, drawing, and reading. She lost her shyness. Her advice to people experiencing a future pandemic is to “follow the rules” and “find things to do in your free time.”

Dimensions Duration: 13 Minutes, 14 Seconds