

## In This Together

## **Documenting COVID-19 in the Commonwealth**

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**Biography**: I am a 25 year old barber in the midst of a pandemic. I am also a caregiver for my father, 59, that has heart, lung, and kidney disease.

**COVID-19 Experience:** This pandemic is weird, it's scary, it's like living through and alternate reality. I am grateful I get to see all my guests again, but after most of 2019 being spent in the ICU with my Dad, being in this close contact situation with this many people a day is almost paralyzing. I pray Kentucky stays plateaued where it is, and my thoughts are with everyone that have lost loved ones due to this virus. I am a caregiver of a high risk individual, and I am forced to come in close contact with at least ten people a day. I work everyday with absolute fear in my veins. The flu put my father on a ventilator in 2019. If he catches COVID this year, he will not make it. Being a caregiver, and a barber, in the middle of a pandemic, is not a fun place to be. My heart is with everyone that has lost a loved one due to this virus.