

My kids and I have quietly lived out the "Stay at Home" order at home like most here in the North End. There have been less cars driving on Pearl than I have seen in 20+ years and the freeways are eerily empty as well. The quiet has brought neighbors out of their houses into the sun as the lack of new Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime media is beginning to hit home to some.

The days which began as a hectic rush have begun to drag as they follow a similar routine now. We wake up with the kids and everyone works, myself on teleconferencing and the children on school. Throughout the day we meet in between my meetings and their doing chores or watching a movie. We come together for dinner each night and to walk the dog afterward. Then it is normally a family game night or movie then off to bed. This is the new normal everyday. However, along with this routine from a parent comes the constant feeling of worry. For the future, our children, and their future.

This pandemic has changed for my family a few aspects both good and bad. There are so many negatives from the politics, to the health crisis, to the schools, to businesses, to the recession, and any and all between. What there is to look forward to is an interesting notion. Going out to eat at a restaurant is moving towards the top of my list. I am currently looking forward to eating at Stack 571, Moctezumas, Sushi Tama and others. Mostly though I would think that most of the family is really wanting to get back to hanging out with people. The friends, family, co-workers, and others that we have not been able to see since the orders went out. We are connected because technology allows us to be, but we are still disconnected at the same time. We are all the same as Schrodinger's cat both there and not.

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