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Reflections on the pandemic and immunocompromised loved ones

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Your experience during COVID-19:

Coming into 2020, my family and I were already experiencing some hardships. My father was diagnosed with throat cancer in August of 2019 and he had finished up his treatments by December. In September of 2019, my boyfriends mother was diagnosed with lymphatic leukemia; she finished her treatments in January. In December of 2019, my grandfather passed away after he broke his hip and couldn't have surgery. As a way to try and cheer my family up, I was able to arrange a short trip to Hawaii for my family and my boyfriend. It was a much needed trip and we had a great time. If we had planned it two weeks later though, we probably wouldn't have made it. Coronavirus came rolling in and it crushed a lot of our hope. Having two very important people in my life be immunocompromised was very challenging. For the first 9 months of the pandemic, the only people I saw outside of my own family was my boyfriend and his family. Nine months. That's an entire school year. We ordered all of our stuff to be delivered at home, we only went places if they were outside and we probably went through three containers of Costco hand sanitizer. In January of this year though, we had some relief to hear about the vaccine and learn that we would be able to protect our loved ones in a matter of a month or two. However that joy wasn't long-lasting because my boyfriends mother's cancer came back in February. Leukemia is a bitch. She just met her 100 days post treatment last week but this is still an ongoing battle with an unknown future. The coronavirus has only added to the stress of these moments in my lifetime.

During the past two years I have felt defeated, hopeless, sad, angry and confused. I lost a car, a cat, a 12 year old goldfish and a lot of hope as well. I'm tired and angry at the people who chose not to get vaccinated. It's selfish. We all want this to be over. Do your part. Thank you.

As hard as these past two years have been though, there have been good things to look to. Working from home seems to be a more solid option nowadays. For a little while, the environment was doing better with everyone staying home. There's more free time. Introverts are likely having a better time. I think this pandemic has been very challenging but I try to find anything positive that has come from it and hold onto it for dear life.