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## **A Mother's Dilemma**

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**Your experience during COVID-19:** My experience with the pandemic at first was fine, nothing was wrong and everything was normal other than the fact school was now online. After months of dealing with the pandemic my mental health slowly started getting worse and worse. I was getting lonelier each passing day watching from my window the empty playground that was right next to my house. Some days I didn't even want to get up because what was the point? everything was just the same for me and nothing was changing, that was until some things were being lifted, I could see my friends in person again from a distance. I'm hoping to fix my mental health now and hope to see this pandemic just be a thing in the past.

please get vaccinated so I can hug my friends without being in fear.

## A Mothers Dilemma

My mother is my hero. My mother is strong. My mother is so amazing that she even has a super power. She has the power to keep pushing through no matter what might get in her way, whether it be the weather or some sort of pandemic she continues to push through.

But there was a problem she faced during the pandemic as well. Other people also had this superpower but used it in the wrong way. My mother is a migrant worker who works in the fields and she depends on that job to feed her family but so do many of the other workers.

Many of these workers also depended on working in the fields that they had no choice but to do what they did. Some of these workers came to the fields while being positive for covid not only putting themselves in danger but those workers who were perfectly healthy like my mother. But my mother refused to let this get in her way. She kept getting tested after every found positive case in order to keep working in those fields, this went on the entire year through summer, she even worked through those heat waves that took lives but she did it for her kids.

Pandemic or not, my mom is my hero.