Executive Summary (In Progress)

Covid-19 first reached the United States in the last few weeks in January 2020, and since then we have all been hoping for a quick return to normalcy. Now being in September of 2021 normalcy has still not returned and seems farther away than ever. But what people want remains unchanged. People still want to connect with one another and take their mind off the day’s stresses. There are many sites that address these sorts of issues, but they are often broad, and meant for national use. While people can still connect and share on these sites, they often do not have that local connection that you get meeting someone who lives in the same area.

What Floridians need now more than ever, is a site for connecting local people. That is where *Covid Connections* comes in. With *Covid Connections* we wish to build a platform with a variety of services and activities for the people of Florida. First and foremost, we want to be a place where people can come and communicate. Which is why our site shall include forums for our users to discuss and interact with each other. But we also want to build a platform for people to learn. The resources section of our site will hold a plethora of links to different Covid-19 and Mental Health resources for users to discover. Feeling stressed or overwhelmed, go to the games section, where a variety of entertaining games can be played to relax and destress. Though the best way to connect is by seeing each other. Which is why we provide a gallery where our members can post photos and comment on others. We will also have a login system so users can sign up and become members to access some of the services above, But also a special member only homepage.

  The advent of Covid-19, is truly a testament to the unprecedented times we live in. But it is also a good reminder of what is truly important in life. Now that people are feeling more isolated and afraid, they seek what they cannot get. What people need now more than any time in recent history, is that local connection you cannot get just anywhere. That is why the overall goal of building *Covid Connections*, is to create a platform for Floridians to communicate, learn, relax, and most importantly connect during covid.