

# I. INTRODUCTION



# MEET THE TEAM



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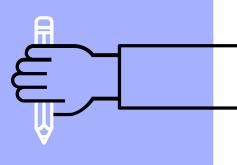


#### **Problem Domain**

Changes brought by the COVID pandemic has amplified many mental health issues among our communities. Therefore, we will be focused especially on tackling the issues affecting one's well-being as a result of the pandemic.



# NEEDFINDING METHODOLOGY







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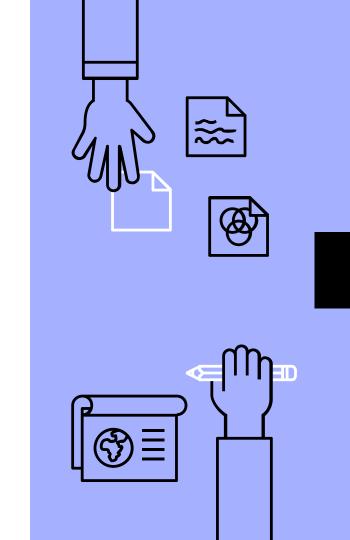




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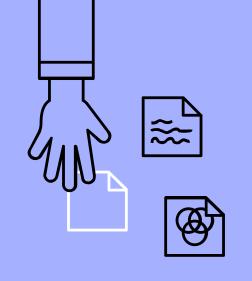
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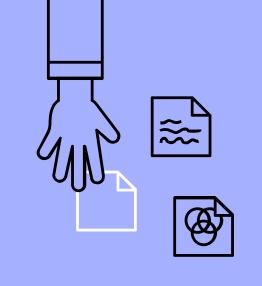
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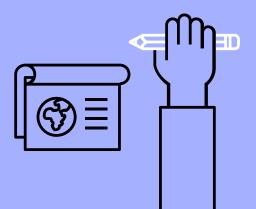


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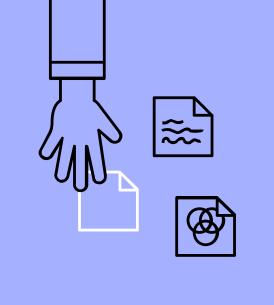
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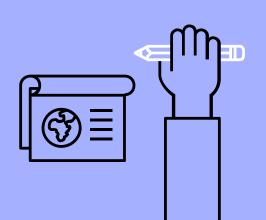


Maryanne, Northeastern student



Sueanne, piano teacher



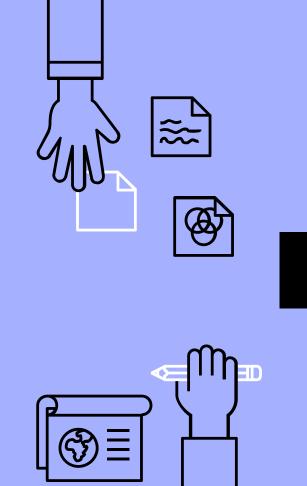


#### **EXTREME USER**

# **Jessie**

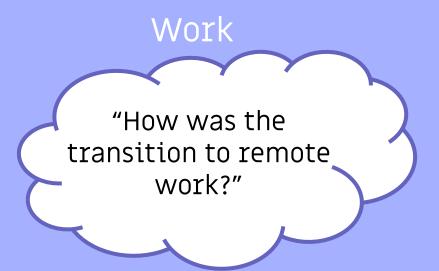


- Stanford c/o 2020
- ▶ Former Stanford PHE
- Experience with resources such as CAPS and BetterHelp



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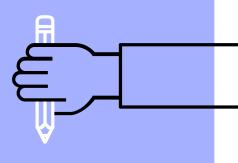
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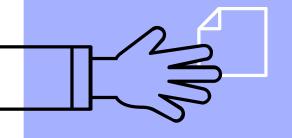
"How was the transition to remote work?"

# Social Life

"How did the lockdown affect your personal relationships?"

# 3. INTERVIEW RESULTS





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- Fear of losing social connections



"We had all sort of held it together until our dog passed away." "I don't Want to be a social outcast."



"My relationship with my family worsened because of all the time at home."

"I felt like I didn't get the time I wanted or deserved." "I did a lot of work on my charity because I would have felt bored doing nothing at home."

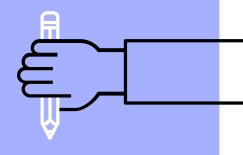




# **SURPRISES**

- One participant was not excited for in-person interactions
- One participant wanted the entire school year off because of the ineffectiveness of online teaching
- One participant was sadder that his internship went remote rather than Stanford going remote





# 4. ANALYSIS



Feel like workday with lots of meetings might overwhelm me.

#### SAYS

It was fascinating to see differences in values among peers.

#### **THINKS**

In-person interactions are not easily replaceable by virtual ones.

I felt like I didn't get the time I wanted or deserved, I wanted to wear a white dress and take grad pictures.

My plans felt ruined.

My dad still believes COVID is a conspiracy, and I had to resolve conflicts by understanding where they were coming from.

Mixed feelings about remote work. like the fact that I can work remotely and log off, but it can also be very isolating.

It's not fair that some people are safe at home and others are not

One should be able to take a break during work without feeling negatively pressured by peers. People in positions of privilege should have less guilt and feel more grateful for their life than those that are not

Online therapy is important because it's so accessible to anyone and it's just nice having someone to talk to.

Something that was helpful to me was therapy via the internet.

Was planning spring break during that time and emotional it couldn't happen.

occupation.

Hesitation

about talking

about family

took a bit of

probing.

Missed hugging my friends, suddenly my best friend was in Maine.

Felt privilege guilt, as we were at an institution that could afford to ship things home

Criticism without attempting to see others points of view is not conducive to a healthy relationship. especially between family members.

It's important to respect different beliefs and everyone has a right to their own belief.

Mental health can be negatively impacted by COVID.

to argue with people who fundamentally have different values when it comes to COVID.

#### **DOES**

#### Deep pauses before talking about their senior year.

Tried to understand her parent's different views rather than criticize them over time.

Seemed to veer off onto other topics when it came to some questions.

Mentioned luck Took naps, several times in relationship to did dishes, school and work, during very lucky to go to Stanford/work in my online work.

> Careful wording when describing people who had different values.

Really valued personal fulfillment over security/following an established 'path' to success.

Appeared comfortable with talking about private areas of life, such as socio-economic status and political beliefs within family.

#### **FEELS**

Frustrated — plans were ruined by COVID.

Grateful - grateful that she got closer with her family and that they are all safe.

Devastated senior spring was taken away from her.

Cautious - both for COVID itself and exchanging values regarding it with peers.

Conflicted - not sure whether remote work is good or bad for her.

Lucky – feels fortunate for a lot of the circumstances she is in.

Productive - likes that she can also get housework done during the workday.

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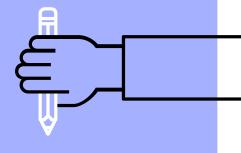
People have differences in values when it comes to COVID.

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A way to make them feel engaged with coworkers while being apart.

A way to make productive use of their privilege.

A way to maintain relationships that suffer from a difference in values.



# THANKYOU!

