

**HOW THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
YOUTH**

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INT/EXT. MONTAGE OF PANDEMIC ACCOMPANIED BY VOICEOVER - DAY

ARIANE CLEMENTE (V.O.)  
The COVID-19 pandemic changed how  
our society operates at a  
fundamental level.

SIGNS requesting for social distancing/VACCINE PASSPORTS are  
shown. It cuts to someone using HAND-SANITIZER.

ARIANE CLEMENTE (V.O.)  
In particular, youth around the  
world had to abruptly adjust to  
online schooling, being isolated,  
and confined to their household.

Then, a teenager in a ZOOM VIDEO call on a DEVICE is  
depicted. (Recorded over the shoulder?)

ARIANE CLEMENTE (V.O.)  
During these formative years, when  
children, adolescents, and  
teenagers alike are still  
discovering who they are... a  
drastic change such as the pandemic  
has great impacts upon one's mental  
health and childhood development.

Children - some of which are wearing MASKS - are shown in  
hallways and classrooms, surrounded by peers.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SEYCOVE SECONDARY CAFETERIA/HALLWAY - DAY

AVA ROBERTSON, professional teenager, is within the frame,  
sitting down, evidently inside a school building. Ava  
Robertson seems to be exhibiting normal teenage behaviour.

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What's your name, and what grade are you in?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What grade were you in when quarantine first began?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What was your experience with online school like?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What did you struggle with most during the lockdown? How did you cope with this?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Would you consider yourself to be the same person as you were before and during lockdown?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What type of impact did the pandemic have on your mental health?

AVA ROBERTSON

(Ava Robertson's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

The frame then transitions away from Ava Robertson and their interrogator.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Maribel Maroni, social worker, in within the frame. She is seated in an office-esque setting.

ARIANE CLEMENTE

How long have you been a social worker? Can you explain what your job entails?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What is your favourite part about working with youth?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What changes have you noticed regarding the behaviour of youth before, during, and after lockdown?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

In what ways do you think the pandemic has affected the mental health of youth?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

How do you think the development of youth has been affected due to the pandemic? How so?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What do you suggest people can do in order to support youth as we continue to adjust to things "getting back to normal"?

MARIBEL MARONI

(Maribel Maroni's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Thank you for answering my questions!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT: SEYCOVE SECONDARY (OFFICE? CLASSROOM???) - DAY

DANIA HERRERA is at Seycove Secondary and is seated inside the school. She is inside her classroom, with photos and various other decorations in the background.

ARIANE CLEMENTE

What subject do you teach? How many years have you been teaching?

MME. HERRERA

(Mme. Herrera's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Have you noticed any differences in the social or behavioural traits of your students before and after quarantine?

MME. HERRERA

(Mme. Herrera's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Are there differences in teenagers you have taught in the past, pre-COVID, as opposed to now?

MME. HERRERA

(Mme. Herrera answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE

Did you notice an increase in students struggling academically during and after the pandemic?

MME. HERRERA  
(Mme. Herrera's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE  
Do you think the pandemic has changed the way your students act?

MME. HERRERA  
(Mme. Herrera's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE  
How would you say the way the school operates now compares to the way it did before and during the pandemic?

MME. HERRERA  
(Mme. Herrera's answer: \_\_\_\_\_)

ARIANE CLEMENTE  
Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT/EXT. CONCLUSION MONTAGE - DAY

The scene depicts youth exhibiting normal youthful behaviour. It cuts from teenagers in a school setting, children playing VIDEO GAMES, and kids on a PLAYGROUND as the voiceover plays.

ARIANE CLEMENTE (V.O.)  
Evidently, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only altered the lives of many, but has completely changed crucial years of childhood development for youth... in both positive and negative ways. If it was not for the pandemic, would we really be the same people as we are today?

FADE TO BLACK:

INT/EXT. CREDITS

The CREDITS roll onto the SCREEN, stating the following:

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Maribel Maroni

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Dania Herrera