

"Exercising at the gym and our 3-4 times a week lunches in various restaurants. And getting together with friends and doing my non profit volunteering."

-- Anonymous, Retired, Carlsbad (Calif.), 4/23/2020

"My husband and I are very excited to enjoy fine dining again. We have been doing very well at cooking in and very occasionally getting out from a local restaurant but miss happy hours and the general ambiance of a nice restaurant."

-- Anonymous, Escondido (Calif.), 5/01/2020

"I most look forward to going to a favorite restaurant of mine (Punjabi Tandoor), and sitting outside to enjoy my meal. Luckily they've still received a lot of patron support during this time, but that cannot be said for every small business. We really need to do what we can (within our means)."

-- Anonymous, Student and CSUSM student library assistant, Encinitas (Calif.), 5/05/2020

"I look most forward to seeing family, being able to go to church, hugging someone, and seeing friend [sic]."

-- Anonymous, Student, Riverside County (Calif.), 5/07/2020

"I'm looking forward to travel and I'm looking forward to sit in a restaurant to eat!"

-- Anonymous, Student, Riverside County (Calif.), 5/07/2020

"I look forward to being able to see my 62 year-old dad, again. I miss him terribly and I know he misses us."

-- Anonymous, Student and stay-at-home mom, San Marcos (Calif.), 5/07/2020

"Once this pandemic passes I look forward to school opening up again because I miss seeing my friends."

-- Anonymous, Student, San Diego (Calif.), 5/09/2020

"I look forward to seeing my mother and my friends once again. I look forward to going out without the suffocation of a face mask. I look forward to sitting down and eating again. I look forward to going to the mall after school, browsing book stores for hours, and sitting down and studying at the cafe."

-- Anonymous, Student and checker (Vons), San Marcos (Calif.), 5/11/2020

"Finally celebrating my birthday, seeing my friends, boyfriend, and extended family again, and having family outings with my little brother and sister, be it a trip to Disneyland or going to McDonalds. Just getting out of the house and spending time with the people I love and care about."

-- Anonymous, Student and restaurant worker, San Diego County (Calif.), 5/11/2020

"Going out with my friends again and enjoying the little Things."

-- Anonymous, Student, Temecula (Calif.), 5/12/2020

"I most look forward to being able to travel again. I had so many upcoming travel plans that I was looking forward to that have been postponed until further notice. Even more simply, I am excited to go out to dinner or be able to go sit on the beach."

-- Anonymous, Student and CSUSM Library student assistant, Los Angeles (Calif.), 5/12/2020

"A year ago I was stuck in a wheel chair, then had to use a walker and a cane for many months after. From that experience my son and I decided we needed to seek out more adventures. We compiled a list and started adding more to it since the pandemic started. We would like to start with a full beach day, with a carne asada and a bonfire. Then take a trip to Hawaii and visit some of my favorite spots. He also said I need to take him to Paris, because it's the city of love, my son is 8 years old =)"

-- Brenda Aguilar, Academic Advisor, TRIO Talent Search, Oceanside (Calif.), 5/18/2020

"I look forward to a day when I know the virus is no longer a threat to our lives. I look forward to feeling free to hug my family and friends, and knowing that the world is alive again. I look forward to walking freely on the beach and in the parks and around the neighborhood. I look forward to eating out again occasionally at restaurants, and attending public events. I look forward to a world where entertainment has switched the lights back on, where I can once again feel free to attend a concert, or go to the theater or cinema. I look forward to again travelling by plane to visit distant family and friends, and to take a vacation. Most of all, I look forward to seeing a world without fear, finally free of COVID-19."

-- Virginia Gabrielle O'Flaherty, Retired artist, San Diego County (Calif.), 6/26/2020

"Life will likely never be the same as it was before the pandemic. Since I am in a high risk group because of my age, I will continue to be cautious about where I go. I would like to visit restaurants occasionally again, but we will have to see."

-- Anonymous, Retired teacher educator, Carlsbad (Calif.), 8/17/2020

"I look forward to traveling. I have a huge trip planned with my brother and father to go to Australia on a diving trip for a month. All my life I've enjoyed traveling and missed out going to Hawaii this past year as well. It will most likely be the last diving trip I will go on with my dad as he's getting older and I'm looking forward to spending that time with him. I'm really interested in the coral reefs and how global warming has affected them so I'm excited to explore them and the rest of Australia."

-- Anonymous, Student, San Bernardino County (Calif.), 10/26/2020

"I most look forward to going out to movie theaters, shopping, and exploring my city without being terrified I will get COVID 19. Hanging out with my whole family and friends and being comfortable we have the shot against the virus."

-- Andrea Caro, Student and retail worker, San Diego (Calif.), 10/26/2020

"Though cheesy and cliché, I am most excited to see people's smiles again."

-- Anonymous, Student and nanny, San Diego (Calif.), 11/20/2020