

# Oral History with Julie Ellis



ORAL HISTORY Oral History Interview Julie Ellis

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## Julie Ellis Interview

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**Vicki Davis:** Can I have your full name and interviewee, Julie?

**Julie Ellis:** Julie, interviewee.

**Julen:** Thank you. We're meeting on July 1, 2022. We are here to talk about how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the airport and the air travel industry (TSA). So, we're going to virtually conduct this interview from home over COVID.

**Ellis:** Oh yeah. I think it was about through the news. And then of course through work because with work, we have to abide by whatever rules are out there. When COVID hit those were certain rules that came out that had to abide by.

**Julen:** Do you mind me asking what those rules are?

**Ellis:** Well, I had to wear a mask. At one point we had to wear not only the required mask, but also double like the plane face shield. The address -- because I work at TSA -- so when we sat in the flight because we didn't have half of my passengers with a mask. We reduced our hours so as not to spread COVID because we wanted to avoid it.

**Julen:** Did it cost extra for a mask?

**Ellis:** No, it's not extra or free. Luckily though, we were able to take either public forms of mass transit, or some voluntarily, part of part of the choice that you make.

**Julen:** If so many people worked at the airport, plane, cleaning, and disinfecting could I ask questions.

**Ellis:** Oh yeah, I'm going to say probably mandatory. Not for the airport, neither IDs for the airport necessarily with one little department, and that was probably before, and then we went to two. We went down to probably eight or ten. And sort of that, people areas if because that's sort of managing going

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