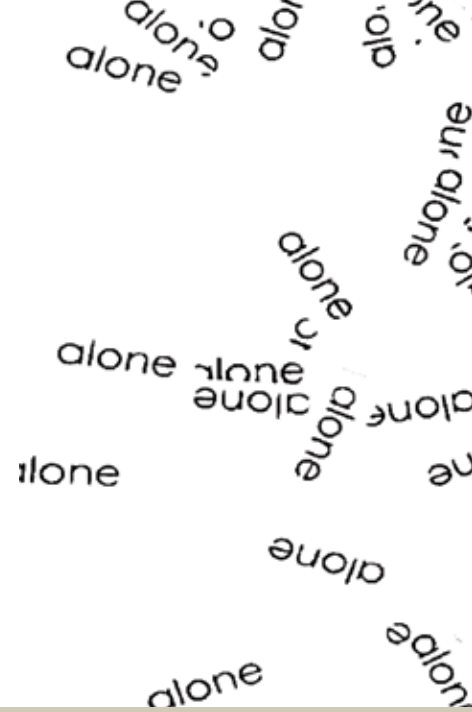


3 YEARS OF COVID-19

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It's been three years since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. The virus disrupted our day-to-day lives as the world was put on pause. It was a shared experience across the globe and impacted nearly everyone. According to WHO, there have been over 1,115,000 reported deaths in the United States and almost seven million deaths worldwide. Here's a look at three years of coronavirus through photos by Golden Gate Xpress staff. 📷



2020

MARCH



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID SJOSTEDT

Lorenzo Ramos holds up his phone to show the number of signatures he had gathered via his online petition for SF State to cancel face-to-face classes in the wake of COVID-19. As cases were increasing, SF State President Lynn Mahoney announced via email that classes were canceled and students moved to online instruction. Faculty and students faced the challenge to quickly switch, learn and effectively teach course materials online.

APRIL



PHOTOGRAPH BY SAYLOR NEDELMAN

A group social distances in their cars at the Newport Aquatic Center parking lot in Newport Beach. Over the next several months, the number of Californians hospitalized rose slightly even as more people sheltered in place and practiced physical distancing. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide shelter-in-place order in March 2020. At the start of April 2020, there were 20,975 cases reported and 318 deaths.

2021

FEBRUARY



PHOTOGRAPH BY JUN UEDA

Jessica Garzaro receives a nasal swab COVID-19 test as a mandatory requirement for students living on campus at the University Park North testing site. Now, all students regardless of the mode of instruction are required to upload proof of vaccination or request an exemption for medical or religious reasons. The Biden Administration announced two mass vaccination sites would open mid-February.

MARCH



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Beth Hellwig, former interim vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, receives her first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at the Mashouf Wellness Center on March 2021. Hellwig received her vaccine when the state was in phase one of vaccine distribution, limited to ages 65 and up.



JUNE

AUGUST



PHOTOGRAPH BY EMILY CURIEL

Alex Singh holds up a sign that reads "Racism is a Pandemic," during a peaceful protest against police brutality and systemic racism in front of SF State at 19th and Holloway. The murder of George Floyd ignited protests across the country, and 2020 became known to many Americans as the year of the protest. The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) recorded more than 10,600 demonstrations across the U.S.; around 95% were peaceful protests.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SEAN REYES

Sam Kaleh, owner of Lucca Food Deli and Wine Shop in the Outer Sunset, waits behind the register for customers. COVID-19 orders required stores to put together a plan to enforce social distancing like a 6-foot separation between customers.

2022

MARCH

SEPTEMBER



PHOTOGRAPH BY BIANCA HEREDIA

SF State announced it would maintain its indoor masking policy through the remainder of Spring 2022 semester. This came after San Francisco eased its COVID-19 mask orders and requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIANA YAMADA

SF State has lifted its mandatory indoor masking protocols and has made wearing one "strongly recommended." Students and faculty are no longer required to wear masks on campus for the first time since March 2020. Universities in California made their decisions independently when the state-wide mandate ended.