

Person Interviewed: Pete Grout

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**How has your daily life been affected by the quarantine or Corona Virus?**

Well I don't travel a lot or get out. I'm pretty much confined to my house and I'm not even able to take my drivers license test because Covid has knocked us all out. So, I live a pretty straight life. I depend upon my friends and neighbors to do shopping for me and I'm 91 and that's a pain because I like to do that myself.

**Do you feel supported by The Valley community during this time? If yes, in what ways has your community supported you? Can you think of any other challenging time in The Valley that would compare?**

I don't think there has been any other challenging time in The Valley that could compare to this. I mean, I've been through storms that have been terrible, but I can't think of anything like this. As far as support is concerned, I am thankful for the existence of the Community Center and I refer to them more than they refer to me, but that's neither here nor there. My neighbors provide me the strongest support.

**Do you think that the safety precautions such as masks, social distancing, and hand washing are too much, too little, or just enough?**

Well, I think there's just enough. I do believe in the masks and hand washing and social distancing.

**Have your thoughts about the pandemic changed at all since March of 2020?**

No, I considered it a danger then and I consider it a danger now. Unlike our president, I considered it a terrible and dangerous plague. I've studied plagues in the past like the great European plague and such.