

COVID ICU Patient: Get the Vaccine – SOUNDBITE TRANSCRIPTS

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Mario Cruz-Cortez, OSF HealthCare COVID-19 Patient

“I ignored it because it’s so much stuff you hear on the TV, your friends say, my friends say, there’s just so much political – this is not real. This is the government trying to control people.” (:15)

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“I knew I was really sick, I was not sure I was going to make it – I was so sick. It changed overnight, because I remember the night before I went to bed, I was feeling a little sick. It started with muscle pain, not a lot of energy to move, but I was still breathing fine. I still did not have a cough. I wake up, and oh my god I cannot stop coughing. Cough and cough and cough. I started moving more and I started to notice my breath – I can’t breathe anymore. I was so short of breath.” (:35)

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“I shouldn’t have ignored it. I should have went to get a test and get proper medication. I ignored it for a week and a half and by the time it was almost two weeks is when I could not breathe anymore.” (:15)

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“I would tell myself to get the vaccine. It doesn’t matter. Get the vaccine. I’m going to get it as soon as I can because COVID is for real and I don’t want to go through again, I don’t want any of my family members to go through what I went through, because that was so scary.” (:20)

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“Don’t wait until someone you love gets so sick to get the vaccine. Get your vaccine. You might be thinking it’s scary, but it’s more scary when you see someone you love lying in bed with oxygen, don’t even know if they are going to make it or not. Get the vaccine and you will feel better about yourself and you protect other people.” (:23)