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Jeffrey: Yes, my name is Jeffrey Siemens. Me and my wife live in Sherbrooke. House 6.

And through COVID. It was a hard, really hard time. Hearing my wife every day saying, “Will we die in here?” I said, “No Jen. We won’t.” Like trying to keep my wife calm.

For a while, we had to stay in our rooms, I would say almost six months, then after a while, then we got to leave our rooms to go into our houses, in our kitchen and little living room. And also going outside to see family members through a fence, and that wasn’t ideal.

But the thing is, they put that in place for a reason. People in nursing homes or hospitals were more susceptible to get whatever was out there. And I think the Board of Health was trying to make sure that we were safer. It wasn’t ideal, because now our own family members got to leave the house, leave their houses because they weren’t in the same predicament that we were in.

Yeah, being in a nursing home, it’s a different experience. These care aids are here to make sure we’re safe. Treat people the way you want to be treated. That’s the golden rule. Some of these care aids don’t think that.

I didn’t get any symptoms at all from COVID. My wife did and turns out she got septic. She, I saved my wife’s life. She asked me, Jeff, can you call the nurse and I quickly called the nurse. I was in bed. I couldn’t move myself. So, I called the nurse and simply said, Jen really needs help. Can you please come down right away? They did.