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From Giving Care to Making Masks

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Mary Allen: Before the pandemic, we would get together with family every weekend and do something. We would go shopping, out to eat, and almost every weekend we would get together and have dinner at my house. Now we do not let anyone come to our house except for people who work for us. As an essential business we have to keep working. We provide services for persons with intellectual developmental disabilities. One of the services we provide is Community Networking where we take our client out in the community for 4 or 5 hours a day. Now we are not going out in the community right now because it is too much of a risk for our clients and staff. We have started making face mask and gave them to all of our staff and clients. We have donated mask to Cherryville Meals on Wheels Program and Ranlo Police Department. It is a way for our staff and clients to give to the community while we can't go out. Also something that has changed for us is that we do not eat out anymore. We cook all of our meals which is a huge change for us but I do not trust strangers to cook and handle my food. I also wipe down all of my groceries with a rag with bleach/water before I bring it into my house.

Rebecca Hicks: Thanks Mary! Hope y'all are staying safe and that soon everyone can go back to eating out every once in a while. Lol I'm getting so tired of cooking

Mary Allen: Oh yes we miss eating out too and just running to the store to grab whatever we want to cook! Now we have to figure out what to thaw out lol we are staying in and staying safe:) so glad y'all are too! I am glad to have helped:) I am sick of cooking all the time too lol