

## **Was it Flu or Was it COVID-19**

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Having lived through many epidemics such as polio, tuberculosis, and others, I feel that the COVID-19 experience was handled poorly by government officials.

Never before were we given so much misinformation that it affected our country. With that in mind, I was sick with the flu shortly after Thanksgiving in 2019. I spent three agonizing days in bed and about 10 days recovering. My family and friends also came down with this unusual brand of flu.

My brother-in-law's doctor could not determine his illness. He was down for months. It wasn't until the end of January that this flu was identified as COVID-19. I don't know if I was stricken by COVID-19, but I have been exposed numerous times and have not any effects like that week in 2019.

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