

Interview with former Subspecialty Trainee, Dr. Jun Zou

“COVID-19 has been a thunderbolt in the Chinese Spring Festival. At the beginning, all of our patients were from Wuhan. Soon after, the local patients started to appear. We were very worried about the unknown modes of transmission. One of the patients was a street vendor who always wore a mask. Another local patient did not have any known contact with anyone from Wuhan. Our biggest challenge was dealing with the number of infected people continuing to rise every day. Eventually, the COVID-19 landscape updated over time and we received help from all sectors of the community.

I worked in the Fourth Peoples Hospital of Nanning, which was the COVID-19 designated hospital in Nanning. All of the staff in my hospital were prepared to fight COVID-19. The doctors and nurses rotated every 14 days. Everyone learned how to put on and take off the isolation gowns quickly, and everyone wore a mask.

Now all the patients in my hospital have recovered. However, COVID-19 has turned into a global pandemic and I worry about my friends in Tampa. I check up on their safety via email and Wechat. I received one email from a friend who is Christian. She asked me pray to God. Despite not being a Christian myself, I prayed for her. I wish safety for all of my friends during these times.

I studied in Tampa in 2019. I loved the city and all the people I met. I believe love is not narrow, love is philanthropic. We should work together to fight COVID-19 all over the world, because we are all one family and we have only one world.” - Dr. Jun Zou, China



