“I felt like I was in quicksand… at times it seemed like it was never-ending”

Flight attendant shares his experience being intubated for 19 days with COVID-19

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In this interview for the Global Workers’ Inquest into the COVID-19 Pandemic, flight attendant Tim Yoder shares his experiences in early 2020. Tim caught COVID-19 in mid-March 2020 after being told he was an “essential worker” and had to continue flying despite feeling ill when multiple coworkers had already tested positive for COVID-19.

Tim was soon hospitalized in an intensive care unit (ICU) for 30 days, including 19 days on a ventilator, a horrifying experience which he describes in detail in this interview. After spending a total of 50 days in hospital, Tim was transferred to a nursing home where his mother and aunt both lived. Just weeks later, COVID-19 spread through the facility, killing both of Tim’s loved ones in the span of one week.

This tragedy and Tim’s fight for his life expose all the lies that COVID-19 is “like the flu” and that “the pandemic is over,” as more than 300 Americans continue to die from COVID-19 each day.

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