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The Wisconsin Historical Society has long been a leader in documenting history as it happens, dating back to the Civil War when Founding Director Lyman Draper asked soldiers stationed at Camp Randall to record their daily lives in journals. You can help write a new chapter in history, chronicling the COVID-19 Pandemic's impact on Wisconsin and beyond.

COVID-19 Journal Project

It could be written, recorded on audio or video, photographed or expressed through artwork. How you document your journal is up to you!

Journal entries should provide a summary of your day, and over time document how the pandemic has impacted your life, your family and your perspective of the world.

Sign up to participate and to donate your journal by sending your name, phone number, address, and type of journal to:

Wisconsin Historical Society - COVID-19 Journal Project
ATTN: Jonathan Nelson
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

Writer's block? Here are some tips for journaling the pandemic:

How do you express your thoughts? Pick the journal format that works best for you. If not a written journal, maybe it is a daily audio recording or photo project.

Include your personal reactions to the following types of situations:

- Working from home
- Changes to your routine tasks, such as grocery shopping
- The news media reports
- Your own illness or that of a family member

Include what you have been doing to pass the time at home:

- What did you do to stay in good spirits while in quarantine?
- What is your favorite music, movie or television program to stream during a pandemic?
- How did you interact with others without putting them or yourself at risk?
- If you have chosen to ignore the guidelines, what is that like?

Include thoughts about other specific situations during the pandemic:

- What have you struggled with during quarantine?
- If you are a medical care worker, what is it like?
- If you own or manage a business, how did the pandemic impact you?
- If you had to continue working on-site at your job, what changes did you have to make to your workday?
- If you became unemployed, how are you dealing with it?
- How was the pandemic presented to your children?
- How did your children react to being out of school?



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