



# COVID 19 Community Chronicle

The COVID-19 pandemic will have enduring repercussions. Each person's story adds a unique thread in recording this global pandemic. Future generations are going to wonder how we coped with the suddenly vacated office buildings, closed restaurants, and curtailed services. They'll want to know stories of personal consequences such as cancelled graduations, postponed weddings, and school closures. They'll be curious about what we did during the Stay Home/Stay Healthy orders, and how we managed to come together to help one another.

## **We Want to Hear from You**

You are living through a historic event and we want to capture your stories about how our community came together to help each other in this crisis, such as making grocery runs for elderly, putting coloring pages and stuffed animals in the windows, and the making of hundreds of masks. What we collect today will inform generations to come. The Wray Museum is putting together a COVID 19 Community Chronicle and we need your help!

## **Create a Memory Page**

Please submit a 12 x 12-inch cardstock or scrapbook paper memory page (or more) to be included in the COVID 19 Community Chronicle.

Please use one side only of the page. Make sure to add captions to help tell the story with your name and date of the event.

Pages can be done by individuals, family members, churches, businesses, and local organizations.

Here are some ideas of what we're looking for on the page:

- Photos of events or activities related to the coronavirus pandemic
- Activities people have created locally to keep people informed
- Written anecdotes or observations about how the virus affected you and your family
- News articles
- Direct mail pieces
- Signs posting closures, notices, or other social distancing directives
- Colorings or drawings made at home during the Stay Home/Stay Healthy order
- Anything related to the coronavirus pandemic and your experience that you think would be interesting to someone ten, twenty, or one hundred years from now

Tell us about yourself and what you do (age range, work/school, /community/organization, family/household)? Below are some other questions to think about.

- How has your life changed?
- What activities are you doing now that you didn't do before the pandemic?
- Are there any pandemic-related signs (e.g., business closure, delivery, etc.) up in your area?
- Are there deserted spaces, or other places that look and feel very different now?
- How have communities that you are involved in changed their practices?
- How are you staying connected to friends and family?
- What are things you don't miss?
- Is there anything you will miss when stay-at-home orders lift?
- What are the moments you won't forget?
- What new habits or ways of doing things have developed in the last few weeks? Will you keep any of these after the pandemic?
- How have your friends and loved ones been affected?
- How do you think you, your family, or our city will be impacted in the future?

### **Physical Items**

We would be grateful for physical objects too. The Wray Museum will be able to accept items when it reopens.

Some examples of objects (by no means a complete list!):

- Homemade face masks
- Diaries, journals, letters
- Signs posting park closures, "do not gather" notices, or other social distancing directives
- Direct mail pieces related to coronavirus
- Objects made at home during the Stay Home/Stay Healthy order

### **On Display**

The pages will be hung for display through the rest of the summer and fall. Afterwards they will be assembled into a book for future generations.

### **Questions?**

Please send us an email at [wraymuseum@cityofwray.org](mailto:wraymuseum@cityofwray.org) and we'll get back to you. Thank you!

Pages will be accepted once the Wray Museum reopens. Follow our Facebook page for all the latest announcements. Thank you for your help with this community project!