

The History Center in Tompkins County Presents "History at Home"

HELP MAKE HISTORY

The History Center in Tompkins County is creating an ongoing archival collection related to the impacts of COVID-19. We are focusing on the issues locally. And we need your help! Students in our community are taking photos, keeping journals, interviewing business owners, and more about their experiences with this virus and the impacts on our community.

10 Ideas for Documenting Your COVID-19 Experience:

1. Keep a journal/diary about your experience day to day. Put the date at the top of each page when you begin writing. What did you do today? Who did you talk to? What happened, and what has changed?
2. Take photographs of your home, your street/block/neighborhood, local businesses around you, etc.
3. Interview people in your home or people in the community (online or via phone) about their experiences during this time.
4. Write a poem, short story, or other creative piece to express yourself.
5. Draw or paint to express your experience.

Contact Julia Taylor - Director of Youth Education at The History Center at eightsquare@thehistorycenter.net with any questions. Visit www.thehistorycenter.net/education for more History at Home activities.



10 Ideas for Documenting Your COVID-19 Experience cont'd:

6. Take screenshots of your online school experience or other online meetings you have.
7. What are the objects that have been especially significant to you during this time at home? Take a photo of each (or draw a picture of each) and write a short description about their significance.
8. Write down a “day in the life of you” during this time at home. This might be a list, a timeline, or even a story.
9. Make a list of things you observe outside your home (from your window or going outside) that you hadn’t noticed before you were spending all this time at home.
10. Make a list of the 5 senses of your experience. What does it look like, smell like, feel like, taste like, sound like in your home during this time?

Want to help make history? Share these items with the COVID-19 Archive! But wait, what's an archive? Explore [thehistorycenter.net/research](https://www.thehistorycenter.net/research) to learn more about The History Center's archives, and what we'll be doing with this material.

***Teachers, help gather your students' materials, and send it to:
archives@thehistorycenter.net***

Please include as much information as you're able about the author, the date/time/location, and even a short description of the work.

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