



Unlocking the Past for the Future

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Dear Carroll Countians,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has thrown all of our lives into disarray. All of us are facing challenges and uncertainty to some degree. However, we are also living through a historic moment that we believe should be captured for the benefit of our community today and for future generations of County citizens.

The Historical Society of Carroll County is requesting that fellow Carroll Countians send us pictures, short video clips and comments of your experiences as it relates to the COVID-19 health situation. We are looking for insight into how the virus has affected your daily lives in work, school and play. Below is a list of who we would like to especially hear from, but all your voices are important. We also provided some starter questions to get you going. Though this is a stressful time, we think this is a worthwhile project to begin now. Ultimately, these experiences will be part of a museum exhibit and/or presentation that will be shared with the entire community. Thank you for your participation.

Yours Truly,

The Historical Society of Carroll County.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All submissions must be accompanied with the release form found here: [Coronavirus Project Release](#) as well as on our homepage. Fill it out, take a picture of it and email it to the address below. If you have access to a printer, please also send the original to the Historical Society of Carroll County, 210 E Main St., Westminster, MD 21157.
- Videos must be less three minutes in length
- JPEG, PNG and TIFF photo files are preferred. If you don't know how to find out what file format you are sending, send us your pictures anyway. We'd rather have them, than not.
- Comments: Please keep comments to 500 words or less.
- Facebook Users: Please share this post with your Facebook friends. We would like to get a diverse swath of submissions from all areas of the county.
- Send email release forms, comments, video clips, and pictures to info@hsccmd.org.
- PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MEDIA WITHOUT A RELEASE FORM. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR SUBMISSION WITHOUT A RELEASE.

People we are especially looking to hear from:

Medical Professionals

School-aged children and parents of school-aged children

College students who are now home

Front line customer service workers who are still serving the public

Individuals working from home

Individuals living alone

Anyone who was laid off/furloughed

Small business owners

Senior Citizens

Asian/African/Latin Americans

Some questions to think about while completing your entry:

How has your daily routine changed?

Are you a caretaker of anyone in your family?

How do you think the community is handling the pandemic?

What do you believe should have been done differently?

What has been the most difficult part of living through this situation?

How are you feeling overall?

What are the long term changes do you think will result from this?