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Paterson and the Pandemic of 2020: Experiences and Memories of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the lives of every Paterson citizen. Whether you are an essential worker, a student, or someone who has lost your income, your experiences are a part of Paterson's Pandemic.

The Paterson Free Public Library, in partnership with the Paterson Museum, is gathering a collection of stories to act as a city wide memoir of the COVID-19 pandemic in our city. If you live, work, or go to school in Paterson, we are asking you to help us create this chronicle by sharing with us your stories – either through written account, photos, or video. We plan to use the submissions to create a virtual archive, to share the experiences of the Pandemic in Paterson with each other and the world.

What We Are Looking For

Written Accounts – You can write out your thoughts, concerns, and experiences for us. We ask that you keep your written accounts to 1000 words (or two pages).

Photographs – Share a photo or photos that tell us about your COVID-19 experience. Please be sure to include a short caption telling us a bit about what is in the photo. Please keep the size of each photograph to 25 MB or smaller.

Videos – Tell us what you are experiencing with your own voice by sharing a video of you or your family at work or play during the pandemic. Don't forget to include a short caption to let us know what your video includes. Videos should not be longer than five minutes and should not exceed a 25 MB file size.

Please submit all contributions to <u>Covid19Experience@patersonpl.org</u>. We request that all contributors include their first and last name, age, occupation, and ward/neighborhood. Please let us know if you would like this information to remain private/internal or if you would like your details to be listed online with your contribution.

For more information about the project, please visit www.patersonpl.org





Paterson, New Jersey 2020 Coronavirus Chronicle

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What are some things you have done during the coronavirus pandemic?

Snap a picture, take a video, write down your story.

Send your story and pictures to: Covid19Experience@patersonpl.org

I helped the city I helped We have been I did my school stay informed: feed the city's saving lives: work while staying safe in my home: senior citizens: Mayor Paterson **Zellie Y Thomas** André Sayegh **Timothy Johnson Fire Department**

For more information visit https://patersonpl.org/paterson-covid-19-story-submission/