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Online Digital Archive Seeks Submissions from Boise Area Metro

The online digital archive titled, "A Journal of the Plague Year – Covid-19 Archive" was created at Arizona State University by faculty members at the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies. It has now grown to include stories from not only the United States, but also from around the globe. The hope of the creators, as well as other involved historians and curators, is that this archive will preserve as much of our current historical period as possible for future generations. Curators seek to create a diverse archive that acknowledges and holds space for stories of all people. To accomplish this task, they are seeking submissions from individuals and communities near and far in order to grow a larger archive of information.

The crowd-sourced archive welcomes all stories, news articles, personal journals, and photographs related to life during Covid-19. These submissions can be tales of success, stories of tragedy, cartoons of humor, or signs of strength. Since its inception, the website has gathered stories from around the globe during the Covid-19 pandemic with new collections focusing on Australia, New Orleans, and Boston. The archive currently holds nearly 7,000 items with hopes of growing that number. Working behind the scenes to curate this collection of stories are over 200 individuals ranging from university professors, graduate school interns, K-12 teachers and everyone in between.

While the world is in the throes of an unknown virus it is important to document this time for generations to come. Write your own name into history by sharing your story today.