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The Journal of the Plague Year (JOPTY) archive is working to document the COVID-19 pandemic and the many ways it has changed and reshaped our world. The idea for the project started at Arizona State University but has since sparked interest and involvement worldwide. Living in a social and technical time, we have a responsibility to preserve these challenging times for generations to come. What makes JOPTY so unique is that we are working to preserve the present for the future. Instead of going back and asking people to recall the days of COVID, quarantine, and facemasks, we want to conserve it in its authenticity through the thick of it. To maintain the authenticity of the archive, we want to know about people's everyday life, the mess, the disorder, and the mundane. Instead of wondering what the future will have to say for us, we have an opportunity to tell our own stories and capture our own emotions.

Although the archive houses stories from people of all walks of life, my collection zones in on moms. With my collection of "motherhood," I am hoping to document and maintain stories of mothers from all different angles and walks of life. I am looking for new mothers, stay at home mothers, mothers dealing with remote learning, working mothers, and every mother in between. It is crucial to preserve your story for generations to come. I invite mothers from all walks of life, regardless of circumstances, to submit to the archive. I am looking to preserve your stories of tragedy, joy, and resilience. I'm interested in life-changing moments as well as your everyday unaffected life. This collection hopes to shine a light on the realness and rawness of motherhood thought this truly historical time. Nothing connects women quite like motherhood; let's preserve that connection.



Even if we don't realize it, we are living in historical times, and it's essential to recognize that you matter. Your everyday life is important and we want to hear about it. Submitting is simple, go to covid-19archive.org and submit an image, video, Snapchat, Tik Tok, voice recording, or text. If you have any questions on how or what to submit, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:asramos2@asu.edu">asramos2@asu.edu</a>. Please use the hashtag **#COVIDmom** in your submission.

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