

Voices beyond the Virus

An Invitation for You to Speak and Remember

[On this Voices page and all others, the decision about whether to include personal information is up to you – and your parents, if you are younger than 18. If historians find your words fifty years from now, they will be interested in knowing your name, but the decision about whether to provide it is up to you.]

Your first name or initials: _____ Your age: _____

The town and state where you live: _____

Voices 1: What is a Pandemic?

Experts have told us many things about our current situation, but in your own words, how would you define or describe a pandemic?

Do you remember how you first heard about the current pandemic? What was the first way your life changed?

If you have lived in a nation other than the United States, what word or phrase is used there to describe a pandemic?

The current pandemic (which started early in 2020) is caused by a virus known as COVID 19 or the novel corona virus. Have you heard any facts about it that you would like to write down and remember?

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Voices 2: My Life before the Pandemic

Before the pandemic began to affect your community, what was a typical day like for you? A typical week?

What was your *most favorite* thing to do?

What was your *least favorite* thing to do?

Who were some of the people that you saw most often?

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Voices 3: My Life during the Pandemic

After the pandemic arrived in your town or state, what changes happened in your daily life? What is a typical week like for you now?

If your schedule has changed, what is your favorite thing to do now? What do you most dislike about the new schedule?

Who are the people you see now – in person?

Who are some people you can see or talk to only by going online or using a phone?

Is there one person – or several people – that you especially miss?

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Voices 4: The Pandemic and My Family

Besides you, who else is a member of your family? If you are concerned about privacy, it is fine to list only a first name or a word like Mom, Dad, Sister, or Brother.

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What do you think has been the hardest thing for your family about the pandemic?

Has anything funny or good happened in your family because of the pandemic?

Do you have a pet at home? If so, do you think the pet realizes that a pandemic is going on? How has life changed for your pet?

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Voices 5: The Pandemic and My Community

If someone from another place wanted to know about the place where you live, how would you describe your community and places near your home?

If you have been able to walk around or drive through parts of your community during the pandemic, have you noticed any changes?

Do you know if your favorite store or restaurant is closed?

If you have seen your school, does it look or sound different now?

If you attend a church, temple or mosque, does it seem different now?