

Personal Archive Prompt: Item that Communicates Your Experience with COVID-19

This prompt asks you to identify an item that communicates your experience with COVID-19 to include in your PA. Unlike other prompts that ask you to choose a particular *type* of item (self-portrait, map, article of clothing), here the type of item is entirely your choice. **Mark for yourself (and your viewer) how have I experienced the COVID-19 pandemic?**

[Be sure to scan/take a photograph of the item to include as the item in your papers.]

Why COVID-19?

Without exception, COVID-19 has touched all our lives. Whether or not we have contracted the virus ourselves, our lives have been impacted significantly. The fact that you are taking this class in a fully online environment is just one of the ways the pandemic is impacting our daily lived realities.

With this in mind, think carefully about what item you choose that communicates your experience with COVID-19. Consider the following to help you choose and describe your item:

- [Since COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic](#), how has my daily life changed?
- What new items are now central to my lived experience?
- What items are now no longer part of my life?

The answers to these questions should help you compose the description of the item.

After you create/identify your image, follow the directions under the heading [How to Complete Personal Archive Prompts] in the document [Introduction for Students: The Personal Archive Assignment].

Example from the Archives

Instructor's Choice: insert an example from an institutionally affiliated archive or archive of your choice. Alternately, use the example below.

Examples below come from the last time a major pandemic significantly impacted Wisconsin and the United States: the [1918 H1N1 Pandemic](#)

- [Milwaukee Health Department Quarantine Notice](#)
- [Milwaukee Health Department Disease Report](#)
- ["Wear a mask or go to jail"](#)

