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## Collections

### **The History Center's COVID-19 Collecting Project**

The Orange County Regional History Center is asking our seven county, Central Florida, region (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia counties) to help us crowdsource an urgent-response collection around the COVID-19 pandemic. We request members of the community offer up donations from their experience, including photographs, recordings, journal entries, and social media posts.

This pandemic is an unprecedented experience for most living Americans. Already, in Central Florida, hundreds of Floridians have tested positive for the virus, and Orange County sits under a "Stay at Home" order for all non-essential workers. We, along with many other institutions around the world, have begun collecting the experiences of those affected by the virus, living through lockdown, and the pandemic as a whole. Though our institution is not currently open to the public, we are all working to collect Central Florida history as it is happening.

We hope to preserve the experiences, thoughts, and feelings of everyday Central Floridians during this unique time for future use as a resource to help communities, medical institutions, researchers, and policy makers respond to future pandemics. The submissions we receive may become a part of The History Center's permanent collection and may appear on our social media accounts throughout this campaign.