

Mission:

To document and preserve the actions and experiences of healthcare workers to add diversity to Journal of the Plague Year.

Collection Scope:

The purpose of this collection is to include images, stories, and other experiences of healthcare workers that are on the frontlines of this pandemic. To preserve their story and contribution to human society in the fight against a deadly disease.

The hope for this collection is the conveyance of personal experiences of healthcare workers and their feelings and perceptions, through both failure and triumph, and to preserve the effects these experiences had on their lives.

Long-term, I would like this collection to serve as a resource of how major medical events across the globe affect our healthcare workers and potentially provide the foundation of a framework in developing a support system for one of the most vital aspects of many societies.

Acquisitions:

One of the most effective ways I feel that submissions for this collection can be obtained is to contact various hospital and clinic networks and encourage the submission of images, stories, etc. from their own workers in the field. The structure of medical networks would allow a collections requests to spread over a vast area very quickly.

Evaluation:

Currently there are many submissions regarding the experiences of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but a collection has not yet been created for these submissions. There is not a healthcare silence in the archive, but many of the submissions are from news outlets and public officials; the voices of individual healthcare workers are grossly underrepresented. While the content area is not the first in a line of submissions, creating a specific healthcare collection and including firsthand accounts will only enhance the existing contributions.