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For this week, the topic to reflect on is why privacy is important. There are several reasons privacy is important. I think the government has given us plenty of reasons to want to protect people's privacy. They will use any information they can get when pursuing someone. Another reason might be that people's medical information might be used against them in the case of Covid-19 as a possible pre-existing condition. We just do not know right now that it would not be. As historians we have an ethical responsibility to the people who are entrusting us with their stories.

I have been having a conversation with a friend of mine about her story during Covid-19. Because her story is relevant to Social Justice and Covid-19. I have asked her to do the oral history with me for the archives. But I feel like it is also my ethical responsibility to ask her to think about the limits and privacy. What is she willing to talk about? What are her fears? Because at the end of the day she wants to tell this story. But she needs to know the full picture and what we can do to protect her privacy. I also have been thinking of how oral histories are treated in the archives if someone wants to remain anonymous? Or what if she wants the oral history to remain sealed for a period of time but then it can be public?