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Module 5 Healthcare Providers Collection Plan

-Mission: The COVID-19: Journal of the Plague Year is an archive that is documenting the experiences of people during the Covid pandemic. Healthcare providers were among the group of front-line workers that saw a major change with Covid in terms of the increased risks, numbers of patients, and acuity of patients. Healthcare providers were among a group that shouldered a heavy load during Covid, and their experiences should be preserved for their unique view of the pandemic.

- Collection Scope:

1. Description:

A. **Purpose:** To show the unique perspectives of healthcare providers in their efforts to combat Covid and help the general public during the pandemic.

B. **Aims and goals:** To preserve and honor the challenges and the efforts to overcome those challenges by healthcare providers during Covid.

2. Key Themes: Personal safety during the elevated risks of Covid, First-hand accounts of Covid patients (as well as other patients that were impacted by Covid).

3. Long Term Goals/Future Generations Information: In a time when most of society essentially shut down, public services continued to operate without interruption built on the dedication of the front-line workers.

-Acquisitions:

1. Action Plan: Reach out to HR members or union leaders of healthcare organizations to help facilitate their employees to participate. Post signs at hospitals where healthcare providers may see information on the journal and tell others.

2. Materials to support growth: Text stories, pictures, videos, blog posts, and social media posts of experiences. Eventually there could be physical items like the safety suits and masks that healthcare providers donned to go to calls (all obviously unused).

-Evaluation:

1. Collection Compare: Healthcare heroes does include EMS personnel. The experiences of first responders vs. hospital staff is very different.

2. Silences: One of the silences that I believe this collection would fill is the voice of supportive staff for healthcare organizations. Public health officials, logistical and organizational support staff, etc. voices would also add to the healthcare industry experience.

3. Other Collection Enhancement: I think that this collection bolsters the healthcare collection as EMS personnel have a place to share their different healthcare experiences.