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Mission Statement

Archive Mission

The Journal of the Plague Year is a digital crowdsourced archive about the human experience during the time of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. It contains images, photographs, narratives, art, news stories, and documents submitted by the public and academics across the world in order to document the experience and create a space of shared memory.

Collection Mission

The collection, Incarceration, is a collection based on documenting the voice and lived experience of those incarcerated at the time of the pandemic, those released early due to the pandemic, and societies reaction to the incarcerated population during the pandemic. By documenting the experience of this particular population, it adds to the larger archive by widening the voices recorded, documents another portion of the minority population of the nation, and illustrates the changing view, or lack thereof, of the public toward the incarcerated.