

WE'RE BUILDING A COVID-19 AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT

You're invited to help us tell the story.

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress has contracted with StoryCorps to record, preserve and share stories of Americans' experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic. The collection, known as the COVID-19 American History Project, is designed to document what it was like to live in the U.S. during that time, with a particular focus on frontline workers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

StoryCorps will host you and a recording partner for a 40-minute conversation about your COVID-19 experiences. A StoryCorps Facilitator will be with you every step of the way. With your permission, conversations will be **archived as part of the Library of Congress's COVID-19 American History Project.**

WHO DO I RECORD WITH?

Someone you care about and feel comfortable talking with. This could be a spouse, a friend, a mentor, etc.

WHAT DO I TALK ABOUT?

There's no wrong way to tell the story of your experiences during the pandemic. The session is meant to be authentic and unscripted. StoryCorps will provide a list of questions to inspire your conversation, like:

- When did you first realize the pandemic would radically change the world / your way of life?
- Do any moments stick out in your memory as "peak pandemic?"
- Who did you turn to for support during that time?
- What do you wish more people knew about your experience during COVID-19?

Ultimately, however, what you talk about during your recording is completely up to you.

WHO IS INVITED?

Everyone is invited to tell their COVID-19 story but the Library is particularly interested in hearing from **frontline workers, medical professionals, emergency service workers, "essential workers"**, and people who stepped into unexpected roles during the pandemic.

RECORDING DATES:

July 27th - 30th

LOCATION:

**Portland Media Center
516 Congress St, Portland 04101**

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Contact Sarah Krauss to book your StoryCorps slot
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The U.S. Congress mandated the COVID-19 American History Project in 2023 as an initiative of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center to document, preserve, and make available stories of Americans' experiences with the pandemic.

Learn more about the Library of Congress COVID-19 American History Project at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/covid-19-american-history-project/about-this-collection/>

ABOUT STORYCORPS

StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to illuminate the humanity and possibility in us all - one story at a time. Since 2003, StoryCorps has given more than 650,000 people the chance to record conversations about their lives.