COVID-19 Self Interview

We are living in a unique era of American history. Future historians, and our own descendants, will want to know how this pandemic affected the lives of rural people. In an effort to collect as many viewpoints, experiences, and stories as possible about how COVID-19 has affected county residents, we are calling on everyone, young and old, to complete this COVID-19 Self Interview. There are no right or wrong responses. Feel free to skip any question you prefer not to answer. Answers can be handwritten, typed, or even recorded. Please sign the release agreement and return it along with your answers to the MCHS at PO Box 61; Slayton, MN 56172.

1. Whose experience is being recorded? Please give us your name, age, the place you live, and the place you work/attend school.

2. Who is doing the recording? If someone is helping you, give us their name.

3. Date and location when/where the interview was recorded.

4. When did you first learn about the COVID-19 outbreak?

5. What were your thoughts at that time?

6. What are your thoughts about the COVID-19 pandemic today?

7. How have you adapted to the pandemic so far? Has your daily routine changed? How so?

8. What has changed the most in your life?

9. What scares or worries you about the current situation?

10. What frustrates you or makes you angry about the current situation?

11. What makes you sad? Who or what are you missing?

12. How are you handling the situation? Are you working on certain projects? How are you passing the time?

13. Are you helping others? If so, how?

14. How do you feel about the official response on the local, state, or federal level?

15. Does this pandemic remind you of anything else or another crisis you may have lived through? If so, what?

16. What are you grateful for during this time?

17. What are your plans for moving forward in the future?

I do hereby irrevocably release, assign, give, and convey to the Murray County Historical Society, any and all right, title, and interest including any copyright or intellectual property interest, in the COVID-19 Self Interview attached. I understand that the interviews will be deposited in the Murray County Historical Society archives for use by future scholars and may be used for any lawful purpose in all forms known or unknown in perpetuity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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