

COVID-19 HISTORY PROJECT—WAUPACA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank you for taking part in this questionnaire. You are a part of recording Waupaca's history!

Please tell us what life was like for you during the COVID-19 pandemic. Answer any or all of the questions in the survey to help future generations understand the local impact of the global health crisis. Remember that the pandemic had several phases — pre-March 2020, severe quarantine until vaccinations started in January 2021, loose opening by May 2021, etc.

NOTE: If you have any photographs or objects that might tell the story of this time further, consider donating them to the Waupaca Historical Society for its permanent collections.

1. Personal information (*include the date of survey, your name, age, address, phone, e-mail? May we contact you if we want to clarify your answers?*)

2. Home and family

- Who lived in your house, and how was daily life affected? For example, groceries, quarantining at home, childcare, etc.?

3. Children and School

- Did you or a relative give birth during the pandemic? If so, did you give birth in a hospital or home?
- What happened to your children's schooling (pre-K through college)? What kind of home or neighborhood play did they have?

4. COVID-19 and Other Health Situations

- How did any COVID-19 illnesses affect you or those close to you? Did anyone have a suspected COVID illness before quarantining began (between October 2019 and March 2020)?
- What type of mask did you use, if any? Why did you choose to wear a mask/not wear a mask?
- What was your decision about you and your family receiving a vaccination? If you received your vaccination, which one did you receive (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) and were there any side effects?
- Did you have surgery or other major health issues under COVID conditions?
- Did you seek professional medical help for mental health issues?

5. Work and business

- What was your work situation in March 2020, if any? Were you able to work from home, or in a hands-on job? Were you considered an essential worker (for example, medical workers, grocery clerks, gas station attendants, pastors, etc.)
- Did you or your business receive any federal COVID-related benefits? (Unemployment, Payroll Protection Program loan, American Rescue Act?)
- How did your business change — any temporary or permanent close? Did you require masks and/or social distancing inside?

6. Religion/spirituality

- How did you follow your religious or spiritual practices? Did organized services change?

7. Activities

- Did you visit stores, restaurants, or bars during the pandemic? How did COVID impact these experiences?
- Did you attend any large gatherings such as family reunions, weddings, or holiday get-togethers? Did any COVID-19 cases result?
- What hobbies did you continue, give up, or change?

8. Elections

- What was your experience in the 2020 elections? Did you vote and, if so, did you vote early, via mail or on election day in person?

9. What else do you want history to remember about your experience in the COVID-19 pandemic?

- What has been the most difficult aspect of the pandemic for you? The best?
- What positive or negative things do you see about the pandemic?