What is your COVID-19 story?

Cape Fear Museum of History and Science collects and preserves artifacts related to the history, science, and cultures of the Lower Cape Fear. We preserve artifacts from past generations for people today to learn from, and we know that future generations will want to learn about what is happening today. The current coronavirus pandemic will be an important aspect of our history.

We are seeking objects, photographs, and documents that show the numerous aspects of the pandemic and its effects on the lives of people in the Lower Cape Fear.

Donated items can be related to:

- Life during stay-at-home orders, including working and schooling from home
- Closures of businesses, schools, restaurants, and institutions
- Frontline workers, including medical personnel, grocery store employees, and delivery drivers
- Social distancing and CDC guidelines for being in public
- Any other aspects of life during the pandemic

Items must have a connection to the Lower Cape Fear, which we define as a 50-mile radius around Wilmington.

We cannot collect items while the museum is closed, but please save any items you think will be a good contribution to the museum’s collection.

If you are interested in donating items for potential inclusion in our collection, we would like to know the following information:

- What is the item?
- Who used or made the item?
- Where was this item used or made?
- How does this item relate to the pandemic?
- Do you have a photograph of the item being used or made?

Contact Museum Curator Heather Yenco at hyenco@nhcgov.com or 910-798-4359 with the above information or any questions.
Quarantine sign used by New Hanover County Health Department, 1960s
Gift of New Hanover County Health Department

Postcard of a parade with the American Red Cross, 1908
Gift of Willa M. Dickey
Example of what we wish to collect – cotton masks made locally during the coronavirus pandemic.