

# Southampton Covid History Writing Project

This is a writing project organized by the First Congregational Church of Southampton to record this community's initial responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a first-person history project which the church will post on the web for everyone to read. After the public reading period, these essays will be kept at the Southampton Historical Society to assist researchers in future generations.

Eligibility: All residents of Southampton, MA and the immediately surrounding communities: Easthampton, Holyoke, Westhampton, and Westfield. Eligibility extends to people who work in Southampton.

## Criteria for the essay:

- The essay should answer the following question: *“How has this pandemic affected your life?”* The responses can reflect a positive or a negative impact. The answers can reflect the past or the future.
- The essay is limited to 150 words.
- The language should be appropriate for reading by the general public. Editors will review the submissions for brevity, clarity, and standards of appropriateness.

## Submission:

- Submit the essay by mail to the Southampton Congregational Church, PO Box 145, Southampton, MA 01073 or by e-mail to [ShamptonCovidProject@gmail.com](mailto:ShamptonCovidProject@gmail.com), please use “Southampton History Project” in the subject line.
- Please include the following information with your submission in case we must reach you:
  - First and last name
  - Home address
  - E-mail
  - Phone number
- (Optional) As your essay will become part of the town's historical record, the following information will provide some context for your response:
  - Life status (example: student, retired, teacher, farmer)
  - Age range (choose one):
    - Under 13
    - 13-18
    - 19-25
    - 26-40
    - 41-55
    - 56-70
    - 71+
- **The deadline is August 1, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Begin Writing Below**

*Submitting an essay for this project is the author's implicit consent to permit its publication on the web, including the author's name. Submissions will become the property of the First Congregational Church of Southampton and the Southampton Historical Society.*