

THOMAS COUNTY

CHRONICLES COVID

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ThoCoChronicles Photo Essay Competition

The [Thomas County Chronicles COVID project](#) was created by local cultural organizations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project documents, preserves, and shares the stories and art of this time in our community's history. Because this is an ongoing situation, the #ThoCoChronicles project will continue to evolve and collect for the benefit of future studies.

The #ThoCoChronicles project wants to include your voice and your observations in the collections. This competition is open to students in grades 5-12 living in and/or enrolled in a school within Thomas County. This includes homeschool, virtual school, and in-person school students at public and private schools.

Teachers are encouraged to use this competition as a class project and hold a class level or grade level pre-competition to narrow down the number of submissions moving forward for final consideration by the ThoCoChronicles partners.

Competition Opens: October 2
Submission Deadline: December 4

How to submit:

- Teachers submitting for students: Please submit projects in a single folder by sharing them with thocochronicles@gmail.com via Google Drive. Label each folder with your last name, School Name, and Grade Level. Please name the individual files in the following format: Student Last Name_Student First Initial_Teacher Last Name_School_Grade_Topic
- Students submitting on their own: Please email files as Google Drive attachments to thocochronicles@gmail.com. Please name the file in the following format: Student Last Name_Student First Initial_Teacher Last Name_School_Grade_Topic

Division	Grade Level	Project Requirements	File Type	Release Forms
Junior	5th-8th grades	10 Images & 10 paragraphs with citations	Google Slides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ThoCoChronicles Collection Form: Signed by the student, parent/guardian AND • Signed Photo Release Forms for all Photo Subjects
Senior	9th-12th grades	10 Images 500 words (minimum) thesis-driven essay Annotated Bibliography Image Citations	PDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ThoCoChronicles Collection Form: Signed by the student, parent/guardian AND • Signed Photo Release Forms for all Photo Subjects

Students can choose to document the community using **one** of the following themes:

Topic Selection	Examples
Food Industry	Restaurants - curbside, delivery, indoor Grocery stores
Education	Traditional, remote, online, virtual aspects
PPE	Personal protection equipment, masks, mask patterns, hand sanitizer, gloves
Thank you	Letters, notes, signs, etc. for front line workers
Family life	How was your household impacted?

Celebrations	Parade style parties, Online parties Birthdays, baby showers, weddings
Technology	Online meetings, apps, tools
Political	Elections, protests
Public Health	Testing sites, “masks required” signs, medical workers, and support staff
Sports/ Extracurricular Activities	Rec league teams, school sports, dance classes

Things to Keep in Mind:

- This is an individual project
- Photos taken between March 2020 and November 2020 will be accepted.
- Students in grades 5 and 6 may use photos they have taken or someone has taken of them. They may not use photos taken solely by parents, siblings, or others. Photo credit must be given for each image.
- Students in grades 7-12 must take their own photographs.
- If photographs are taken in public spaces, students should get signed Photo Release Forms from all people in the photo. If there are more than 5 people students do not have to get signed releases but are *encouraged* to get releases from anyone whose face is visible.

Why do I need a Photo Release Form?

It's just the right thing to do! Ask yourself the following questions when you're deciding whether a release form is needed:

- Can people recognize the individuals in the images?
- Is the photograph going to be used for commercial purposes?
- Is the photograph going to be used for advertisement?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, it's a good idea to ask your subject(s) to sign a release form. This allows you to use their photograph and share them publicly. Remember, not everyone will want their picture taken. Explain the purpose of the project to them and explain how the image will be used.

Junior Division Project Guidelines:

- 10 images and 10 student composed paragraphs
 - Minimum of 5 sentences per paragraph
 - Introductory sentence (not ... “This is a picture of...”)
 - Where was the photograph taken? What is it? Who made it?
 - How does this photograph show the IMPACT of COVID-19? How is life different in the photograph than it was before COVID-19?
 - Conclusion sentence
 - Use complete sentences, check your spelling and grammar.

Notes for Teachers: You may create a template for your students to follow. Students may choose their own colors, design themes, etc but should not use additional clip art, gifs, etc. The feature of their slides should be their images and their paragraphs.

Junior Division Project Checklist:

Title Slide: Student's Name, Grade Level, School, Name of Supervising Teacher	
10 Google Slides containing 10 Paragraphs	
Each slide has an MLA citation for the image Last Name, First Name."Photograph Title/Description." Year Created. Digital File Type.	
Citations for any quotes or secondary sources	
Signed ThoCoChronicles Release Form	
Signed Photo Release Forms	

Senior Division Project Guidelines:

- 10 images and (at least) 500 words connecting your project to the theme and the question: How do these photographs show the IMPACT of COVID-19 on Thomas County?
- Students' thesis-driven essays should compare and contrast the experiences of Thomas County during the COVID-19 pandemic to national and international COVID responses.
- Students' photographs should be treated as primary sources and cited.
- Students may reference **reputable** secondary sources and those must be cited and included in an annotated bibliography.
- For Chromebook users, try this plugin to help you put together your pdfs:
<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/merge-pdf/odoekjadkpplgjhcnhbmfafpaigebgbg?hl=en#:~:text=Select%20or%20drag%20your%20files,document%20into%20one%20pdf%20file.>

Senior Division Project Checklist:

Title Page: Student's Name, Essay Word Count, Grade Level, School, Name of Supervising Teacher	
10 Student Photographs	
500 word (minimum) thesis-driven essay	
Each image cited using MLA format Last Name, First Name."Photograph Title/Description." Year Created. Digital File Type.	
All quotes or secondary sources are cited using MLA format	
Annotated Bibliography for all primary and secondary sources	
Signed ThoCoChronicles Release Form	
Signed Photo Release Forms	

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Contest Participation Form

Must be signed by both the participating student and their parent/guardian.

I understand that by participating in this competition that I hereby grant permission for my project to be added to the Thomas County Chronicles COVID collection, housed at the Thomasville History Center, and collected on behalf of the Chronicles partners for future exhibitions, research, and studies.

I am the legal and rightful owner/creator of the items in this donation to the Thomas County Chronicles COVID Project and grant permission for its use and benefit without restriction as to use or disposition.

I do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally give and transfer to the Thomas County Chronicles COVID Project all right, title, and interest, including all copyright, trademark, and related interests in and to the submitted property.

Full Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Photo Release Form

I hereby grant permission to the rights of my image and likeness without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published, or distributed, and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I also understand that this material may be used in diverse educational settings within an unrestricted geographic area.

Photographs may be used for the following purposes:

- conference presentations
- educational presentations or courses
- informational presentations
- publicity and social media promotion
- print and broadcast advertisements
- research and exhibition

By signing this release I understand this permission signifies that photographs of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in the public educational setting. There is no time limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic limitation on where these materials may be distributed. This release applies to photographs collected as part of the sessions listed on this document only.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational purposes.

If this release is obtained from a participant under the age of 18, then the signature of that presenter's parent or legal guardian is also required.

Full Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____