

COVID-19 RESOURCES: HEALTH, HUMANITIES, AND PANDEMIC INTERSECTIONS

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For those spending more time at home, and those seeking respite from the front lines of the pandemic, JHR offers these links addressing a range of topics for contemplation and pure enjoyment.

ETHICS

Bioethics Toolkit Resources for COVID-19

Bioethics.net and the American Journal of Bioethics have assembled a bioethics toolkit for people dealing with COVID-19.

<http://www.bioethics.net/2020/03/bioethics-toolkit-resources-for-covid-19/>

The Hastings Center

This is a set of ethics resources for COVID-19 that came out early in the pandemic.

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethics-resources-on-the-coronavirus/>

AMA Journal of Ethics: Triage and Ethics

By Ken Kipnis

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/triage-and-ethics/2002-01>

The Medical Ethics of the Coronavirus Crisis

By Isaac Chotiner

In this interview with Christine Mitchell, the executive director of the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School, readers gain insight to the perspective of a clinical ethicist during a pandemic.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/the-medical-ethics-of-the-coronavirus-crisis>

NYT: The Hardest Questions Doctors May Face: Who Will Be Saved? Who Won't?

“As coronavirus infections explode in the U.S., hospitals could be forced to make harrowing choices if pushed to the brink. Planning is already underway.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/21/us/coronavirus-medical-rationing.html>

New England Journal of Medicine: Fair Allocation of Scarce Resources in the Time of COVID-19

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMs2005114>

COVID-19 Ethics Resources

The University of Pittsburgh created a collection of clinical care, public health, research, and psychosocial resources that is regularly updated.

<http://bioethics.pitt.edu/covid-19-ethics-resources>

The line is forming for a COVID-19 vaccine. Who should be at the front? By Jon Cohen

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/line-forming-covid-19-vaccine-who-should-be-front>

DISABILITY

Confronting Disability Discrimination During the Pandemic

By Katie Savin and Laura Guidry-Grimes

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/confronting-disability-discrimination-during-the-pandemic/>

Applying HHS's Guidance for States and Health Care Providers on Avoiding Disability-Based Discrimination in Treatment Rationing

“The Bulletin offers broad guidance on the obligations of states and health care providers to comply with federal disability rights laws in developing treatment rationing plans and administering care in the event of a shortage of medical equipment, hospital beds, or health care personnel. This document from organizations with expertise in federal disability rights laws provides a more detailed explanation of how the requirements set forth in the HHS Bulletin would apply and how states and health care providers can take steps to modify policies and practices to avoid disability discrimination.”

<https://dredf.org/avoiding-disability-based-discrimination-in-treatment-rationing/>

<https://dredf.org/the-illegality-of-medical-rationing-on-the-basis-of-disability/>

ADA & EEOC

The Americans with Disabilities Act and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission websites both consolidate resources to combat disability discrimination during the Coronavirus crisis.

https://www.ada.gov/emerg_prep.html

<https://www.eeoc.gov/coronavirus>

Know Your Rights Guide to Surviving COVID-19 Triage Protocols

This is a “Know Your Rights” toolkit for people facing potential triage discrimination based on disability or weight during the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

<https://nobodyisdisposable.org/know-your-rights/>

People With Disabilities Say Rationing Care Policies Violate Civil Rights

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/23/820398531/people-with-disabilities-say-rationing-care-policies-violate-civil-rights>

'I Will Not Apologize for My Needs'

By Ari Ne'eman

“Even in a crisis, doctors should not abandon the principle of nondiscrimination.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/23/opinion/coronavirus-ventilators-triage-disability.html>

My Life Is More 'Disposable' During This Pandemic

By Elliot Kukla

Rabbi Kukla provides spiritual care to those who are ill, dying and bereaved.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/19/opinion/coronavirus-disabled-health-care.html>

ART

High Museum of Art, Atlanta

With many important social-justice-focused exhibits to explore and a variety of regularly rotating interactive features, the High has risen to the occasion of bringing enlightenment to the home.

<https://medium.com/high-museum-of-art>

COVID-19 Arts Response

Explore the effects of COVID-19 on the arts world through a variety of lenses.

<https://covid.response.arts.ufl.edu>

Museum of Modern Art

Enroll in free online courses designed to teach an appreciation of art or provide education regarding art in a variety of forms.

<https://www.coursera.org/moma>

National Gallery of Art – Instagram @nationalgallery

“Discover compelling stories of creativity, struggle, and resilience in this new set of resources for K–12 educators featuring works of art that reflect the richness and diversity of the people, places, and cultures of the United States.” This is an educational resource for exploring America’s past at a time when its present is constantly shifting.

<https://www.nga.gov/education/teachers/lessons-activities/uncovering-america.html>

Guggenheim – Instagram @guggenheim

Visit and tour (virtually) all day long! No admission required, and educational resources are provided to help guide learners of all ages through art exploration.

<https://www.guggenheim.org/plan-your-visit/guggenheim-from-home>

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) – Instagram @lacma

More of a visual learner than a doer? Watch insightful and well-made short films, documentaries, and exhibition walkthroughs for free and from the comfort of your home. LACMA also has a few free educational courses to explore.

<https://www.lacma.org>
<https://lacma.teachable.com>

Getty Museum – Instagram @gettymuseum

Recreate your favorite works of art with household things, people, and pets. Simply enjoy the creations of others or participate by capturing an image and posting it to Instagram or Twitter with the hashtags

#betweenartandquarantine and #gettymuseumchallenge.
<https://twitter.com/hashtag/betweenartandquarantine>

How street artists around the world are reacting to life with COVID-19

By Jennifer Billock

Explore how “graffiti artists and muralists are sending messages of hope and despair with coronavirus public art.”

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/how-street-artists-around-world-are-reacting-to-life-with-covid-19-180974712/>

The best art created by Washington Post readers during the pandemic

By Michael Canva

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2020/07/06/art-pandemic-readers/?arc404=true>

MUSIC***#livefromhome***

Search this hashtag on Instagram, Twitter, or YouTube and find a great number of artists performing their music live every day or weekly, for donation only. Post yourself performing music/poetry/literature/art, and challenge others!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PrairieHomeVideos/featured>

Metropolitan Opera House, New York City

The Met is offering free-to-stream operas every night from their *Live in HD* series, with each available for 24 hours at a time.

<https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/>

Curtis Institute of Music

In an effort to “stay connected” with their audiences, the Curtis Institute is providing archived student performances every weekday under the playlist “Curtis is Here”. Each performance is related to a weekly theme.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/curtisinstitute/featured>

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Tune in every day at 12:30pm (EST) for streams of small ensemble archived performances. Learn from the masters in the Master Class series or learn about musical processes and perspectives in a whimsical, family-appropriate way with Bruce Adolph in the Meet the Music section.

<https://www.chambermusicsociety.org/watch-and-listen/>

Music producer strikes a chord during coronavirus

By Justin Felder

Atlanta music producer BJ Alden discovered how musical collaboration can lend itself to social connection during a pandemic.

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/music-producer-strikes-a-chord-during-coronavirus>

<http://beatstudies.com/coming-together-while-staying-apart/>

Scientists have turned the structure of the coronavirus into music

By Vineeth Venugopal

Translating the protein structure of the novel coronavirus into sound has allowed for scientists to better understand the virus. Listen to it here:

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/04/scientists-have-turned-structure-coronavirus-music>

THEATRE***Broadway World, New York City***

The “Living Room Concerts” series brings musical theater performers to your home (...screens) for renditions of relevant pieces in productions they have been a part of in the past.

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/topic/LIVING-ROOM-CONCERTS>

Shakespeare’s Globe, London

Every two weeks, a free Shakespeare production will be available on the Shakespeare’s Globe page or YouTube channel. A greater selection of productions is available to rent, own, or give as a gift through the Globe Player.

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch>

Alliance Theater, Atlanta, GA

Virtual resources offered by Alliance Theater include full productions, classes, and coaching for all ages.

<https://alliancetheatre.org/content/virtual-resources>

25 top theater minds dream the future: What will the post-pandemic stage look like?

By Charles McNulty

Delve into the imagination of playwrights and actors as they envision the return of theater.

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2020-05-19/coronavirus-reopening-theater-future>

WRITING***The Pandemic Project***

This is a website with pandemic resources to aid in social connectedness and includes a survey to assess feelings, attitudes, and personal actions taken regarding COVID-19.

<http://utpsyc.org/covid19/>

Wired.com

Share your pandemic story by emailing covid@wired.com.

<https://www.wired.com/story/tell-us-your-pandemic-stories-for-our-oral-history/>

12 Ideas for Writing Through the Pandemic With The New York Times

By Natalie Proulx

“A dozen writing projects — including journals, poems, comics and more — for students to try at home.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/learning/12-ideas-for-writing-through-the-pandemic-with-the-new-york-times.html>

You should write your COVID-19 story: The importance of medical humanities today

By Samantha Allen Wright

<https://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/topics/coronavirus/blog/you-should-write-your-covid-19-story-importance-medical-humanities-today>

DANCE

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

This dance theater encourages us all to “keep dancing!” by offering free streaming services of archived ballets as well as dance lessons tailored to specific grade ranges (2nd link). The third link is a running list of free dance classes being streamed online.

<https://www.alvinailey.org/ailey-all-access>

<http://lincolncenteratthemovies.org/education/alvin-ailey.html>

<https://www.aileyextension.com/keepdancing>

Megan Flynn Dance Company

Join Megan Flynn every Wednesday for free ballet lessons.

<http://www.flynndance.org/teaching>

Seattle Dance Collective

The Seattle Dance Collective commissioned “Continuum: Bridging the Distance,” a series of five dances safely created during the pandemic that can be viewed online free of charge.

<https://www.seattledancecollective.org/continuum>

POETRY

Universe in Verse

The *Universe in Verse* celebrates “the natural world — the science, the splendor, the mystery of it — through poetry.” Though the entirety of the 2020 show aired in April, you can find individual readings through this link:

<https://www.brainpickings.org/the-universe-in-verse/>

‘A Care Package for the Health Care Community’

An offering of poetry, podcasts, and meditations to accompany a time of crisis gathered by members of the On Being project.

<https://onbeing.org/starting-points/a-care-package-for-health-care-community/>

Pandemic – Lynn Ungar

<http://www.lynnungar.com/poems/pandemic/>

The Peace of Wild Things – Wendell Berry

<https://onbeing.org/poetry/the-peace-of-wild-things/>

The Gardener – Mary Oliver (A Thousand Mornings)

<https://www.npr.org/books/titles/162719431/a-thousand-mornings>

Kindness – Naomi Shihab Nye

<https://www.brainpickings.org/2016/11/10/naomi-shihab-nye-kindness/>

On Being

<https://onbeing.org/poetry-and-writing/>

Poetry Unbound

<https://onbeing.org/series/poetry-unbound/>

Coronavirus Poems to the Editor: ‘Death Too Wears a Mask’

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/22/opinion/letters/coronavirus-poems.html>

A Grandmother’s Poem Reassures Us With Humor And Grace

<https://www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2020/05/31/86611146/a-grandmothers-poem-reassures-us-with-humor-and-grace>

HUMANITIES EDUCATION

Open source #Coronavirus syllabus

Humanities and social science resources on the open source #Coronavirus syllabus

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dTkJmhWQ8NcxhmjELp6ybT1_YOPhFLx9hZ43j1S7DjE/edit

Coronavirus Readings by The Syllabus

This is a well-curated and indexed searchable library of 4400 literatures on COVID-19.

<https://covid19syllabus.substack.com/people/7785181>

Teaching Pandemics Syllabus by JSTOR Daily

“Readings on the history of quarantine, contagious disease, viruses, infections, and epidemics offer important context for the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.”

<https://daily.jstor.org/teaching-pandemics/>

COVID AND THE CLINICIAN***APTA***

Resources for PTs working in a pandemic.

<https://www.apta.org/patient-care/public-health-population-care/coronavirus>

ACAPT

Resources for PT educators.

<https://acapt.org/covid19-response>

ANPT

Resources for neurologic PTs.

<https://www.neuropt.org/professional-resources/covid-19-resources>

AACPT

Resources for acute care PTs.

<https://www.acutept.org/page/COVID19>

OTHER JOURNALS***Hektoen International Journal – Infectious Disease section***

Articles related to medical humanities.

<https://hekint.org/infectious-disease/>

The JAMA Network – Humanities

“Explore the humanities throughout The JAMA Network, including essays and poetry about having and caring for illness, history of medicine, and reviews of arts events.”

<https://jamanetwork.com/collections/5514/humanities>

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