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The Journal of Humanistic Mathematics (<http://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/>) invites submissions of essays, reflections, poetry, and artwork for an upcoming thematic folder tentatively titled *Math in the Time of COVID* and scheduled to appear in July 2021. Please send your submissions via email to the editors by May 1, 2021. Publication decisions will be made by June 15, 2021.

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Inspired in part by the timeless novel of Gabriel García Márquez [1] and the simultaneously cathartic and inspirational blog of Jennifer Quinn [3], as well as the short evocative piece by Arati Nanda Pati in this issue of JHM [2], we wanted to offer a space for the people of mathematics to work through and reflect upon the events related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic (and the emotions accompanying them). This, too, shall pass, they say. But we need to remember. And we hope that this space in some small way will help us do that.

We will be looking for contributions that might involve personal reflections, informal analyses, or more theoretically rigorous assessments of how this pandemic has so far intersected, interacted, and interfered with mathematical lives. We also welcome poetry and artwork that is responsive to the times. Futuristic reflections and fictional narratives will also be considered if they fit the theme.

We ask that:

- prose contributions be around 1500 words;¹
- poetic contributions be no more than two pages;
- all contributions contain a mini personal math bio: a paragraph on how the contributor(s) describe themselves as part of the mathematical world (as a student, a teacher, a researcher, any combination of the above, none of the above but something else altogether . . . there are many mathematical identities people have, some overlapping, some uniquely individual, and we want this folder to reflect that truth if possible).

Please send your submissions as a PDF file (including the personal math bio) via email to the editors by May 1, 2021. If you are not able to use email, you can use snail mail instead; our postal address is

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Note however that email is a more certain way to reach us, especially these days.

Publication decisions for the contributions that will appear in the July 2021 issue will be made by June 15, 2021. Later submissions may be considered for later publication, possibly in later installments of the same folder theme.

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¹Longer contributions will be considered as well, especially if the content and form demand it.