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In response to your question (Are you including lessons or discussions about the Pandemic in your course work?), I offer the following:

I redesigned my upper-level History course on the American Revolution (HTY 462) to have a week-long unit that focussed on a smallpox epidemic triggered by the American Revolution, which then spread across North America. A lecture, reading, and discussion built on the book Pox Americana: The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775-1783 (Hill and Wang, 2001) by Elizabeth Fenn. Student activities included work with an online GIS map documenting the spread of the late-eighteenth century epidemic (pox.ehistory.org) as well as searching an online database of Founding Fathers' papers (founders.archives.gov) where we discovered abundant commentaries about smallpox in the Revolutionary Era.

Regards,
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