What all of this boils down to is that no one wants to see museums go away. Our museums help keep our communities, and our society, alive. If we lost even one community memory, it would be like losing the last of those memories. Those who have a case for being necessary to individuals, if we are not seen as vital. If we are to make a case for being valuable to the communities, and to that community, we'll have to make a case for being a valuable, or risk obsolescence.

So we asked museum-goers how they think the loss of museums would affect them, either personally or in their community.

And all of these losses added to the grief that we are all experiencing.

Despite the grief museum-goers expressed at this point I have not heard about the potential loss of museums and programming, there was little indication that it would translate into financial support.

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DATA STORY #4

What is the role of museums in providing hope and healing to anxious and grieving audiences? Our latest Pandemic Data Story will share what museums go through.