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Title Interview with Nicole Geer

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Description (a) Interview with Nicole Geer. Interviewed by Felicia Pilewski on 16

March 2023 in Farmington, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Nicole Geer taken at

her interview. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical

Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during the

COVID-19 Pandemic. Nicole Geer is a 27-year-old healthcare worker living in New

Britain, Connecticut. During the pandemic, Nicole worked three jobs, in addition

to going to school. She worked as a technician trainer at CVS, a practice

manager at a Primary Care Provider's (PCP) office, and a bartender at a brewery.

While many of her peers began working from home in the Spring of 2020, Nicole

was on the front lines. Her job at CVS immediately transitioned to working as a

Covid tester, and later administering vaccines. Nicole recalled spending much of

her time educating people about Covid and about the efficacy of vaccines. She

expressed frustration over the amount of misinformation circulating on

“Facebook University,” and strongly supported both mask and vaccine

mandates. Nicole’s personal relationships were greatly affected by the

pandemic. While her relationships with friends were strengthened, she

experienced the opposite with her family. Many members of her immediate

family were anti-vaxxers, a viewpoint that intensified with Covid-19. During the

time she was working to administer vaccines, she was shocked to discover that

her family had chosen not to vaccinate her as a child, and she was completely

unvaccinated aside from flu shots and the Covid-19 vaccine she had received as

an adult. She assumed since she had attended public school that she received

the required vaccines. She immediately rectified this, but due to her age had to

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pay out of pocket to receive all of her vaccines. When asked what advice she

would give to those who experience pandemics in the future, Nicole responded,

“Listen to what medical professionals have to say the first time.”

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