

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Laurie Cianci

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Medium born digital audio file

Description Interview with Laurie Cianci. Interviewed by Molly-Anne Alape on 7 June 2022 at New Britain High School, 110 Mill St., New Britain. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Laurie is a registered nurse who was working in a nursing home during much of the pandemic. Despite making preparations at the nursing home for COVID, Laurie and her colleagues were still underprepared when COVID hit because they did not know how profound it would be. Laurie worked a lot at the nursing home throughout the pandemic to help alleviate the difficulties caused by short staffing. Laurie discussed noticeable differences in transmission rates between when her staff did and did not wear masks around nursing home residents. She praised the vaccine and noted that if people did contract COVID after they had the vaccine, their symptoms were minimal. She recalls being very stressed because she was working so much, worried about her mom who had contracted COVID, and worried about bringing COVID home to her immediate family. The pandemic caused Laurie to lose time with her family because she worked a lot. It taught her to live in the moment and appreciate every day. Laurie chose the word “terrifying” to describe the pandemic.

Dimensions Duration: 14 Minutes, 21 Seconds