

# Basic Detail Report

## **Title Interview with Sherelle Reid**

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Description Interview with Sherelle Reid. Interviewed by Samariya Smith on May

26, 2022 in Hartford, Connecticut. She was interviewed as part of the

Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her

experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the time of the interview Sherelle

Reid was a case manager for Hartford Communities That Care. Sherelle recalled

first hearing about covid while working a temporary job and the first disruptions

to her life were shifting to working from home and schools shutting down.

Sherelle discussed her experience being confined to the house with her sons,

though she was not thrilled when restrictions were generally lifted. Sherelle

noted that during a pandemic personal choice is important, but that it is also

important to consider how personal decisions could affect the public good.

Sherelle appreciated the option to vote through mail-in ballot and vaguely

remembers topics related to the 2020 election, such as covid-19, race relations,

and economics. She described it as a frenzy of people being “loud and wrong”

and entitled. Sherelle noted the hypocritical view of people supporting police

and then attempting a coup on January 6, 2021. Sherelle was skeptical of the

vaccines and due to her work felt that she and colleagues had to push the

vaccine even though they weren't necessarily on board with it. She agreed with

mask mandates for everyone and supported vaccine mandates for people in

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healthcare jobs, but not necessarily for everyone. Sherelle was more cautious of

Covid due to her job in healthcare, but she knows people who contracted covid.

Family members of her church peers passed away from covid. During the

pandemic, Sherelle sought out new avenues for mental health, though she has

always supported and advocated for mental health. Sherelle describes her

overall experience during the pandemic as stressful because of the lack of ability

to connect with people or build relationships, as well as the potential

foreclosure of her house. Sherelle says that she found her ability to speak up and

ask for help during the pandemic.

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