

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Melindee Barton

Date 2022 August 3

Medium born digital audio file

Description (a) Interview with Melindee Barton. Interviewed by Penny Newbury on 3 August 2022 in Danielson, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Melindee Barton 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. At the time of the interview Melindee was a life instructor at The Arc Eastern Connecticut. Melindee recalls first hearing about COVID on television. The biggest disruption to her life was not being able to spend time and holidays with her family. Melindee worked a lot more during COVID because many staff were getting sick, and her employer was short staffed. She also grocery shopped for herself and other family members to help protect them. She used the internet to schedule vaccinations for her parents and in-laws, but shares that it was difficult to schedule their appointments because of websites' requirements. Melindee did not think masks helped one bit and did not agree with mask mandates. She was pro-vaccine because they prevented you from going to the hospital if you did catch COVID, but stated that they should not be mandatory. Melindee's brother contracted a severe case of COVID and spent over a month in the hospital. Her advice to people experiencing a future pandemic is to take their vaccines.

Dimensions Duration: 22 Minutes, 46 Seconds