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April 7, 2021

Dear Partners,

New York State announced that universal eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine went into effect on April 6 -- meaning all New Yorkers 16-years-of-age and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. Currently, three vaccines are authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19. Only the [Pfizer/BioNTech](#) vaccine can be given to those 16 and 17-year-olds. The [Moderna](#) and [Johnson & Johnson/Janssen](#) vaccines are for use in those 18 and older. Read more about the different [authorized and recommended vaccines](#).

The Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub collaborates with health departments, health care providers and community partners in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties. The Hub also partners with [Common Ground Health](#), the region's health research and planning organization, and with the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force](#), to help ensure equity, transparency, and efficiency in COVID-19 immunizations efforts.

From the Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub: "We understand that people have questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccines have been through rigorous testing to make sure they are as safe and effective as possible. Get the facts, find answers to some frequently asked questions, and find out how people in the Finger Lakes Region have helped make these vaccines possible." Visit the Hub's [Things to Know webpage](#) for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Hub has launched an appointment finder tool. Click [here](#) to search for locations in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties.

Please share these and other resources below to help ensure equity in vaccine distribution and access in our region.

In partnership,  
Greater Rochester Health Foundation

## MORE COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

### Make an Appointment:

Eligible New Yorkers may also reserve appointments for COVID-19 vaccines via phone (New York State COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) or on the [Am I Eligible app](#). Community members calling from within Rochester city limits may dial 311 for assistance in making appointments.



**NEW:** The [National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities](#) (NACDD) has launched a new website about COVID-19 and vaccines. For many people with disabilities, including I/DD, they and their families or caregivers may be feeling anxious or unsure about the vaccine and its safety. Click [here](#) to visit the site.

**Questions?** New York State continues to increase testing capacity for COVID-19 on a daily basis. Individuals who have questions regarding eligibility or access for testing should call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or visit the [NYSDOH website](#).



## LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

The path to educational recovery starts now. For more than a year, most Rochester students will not have had in-school learning. Outside the city, most students have been in school only 2 days a week.



Students, teachers, and families have all worked hard -- yet we know students have been impacted educationally, socially, and emotionally.

[ROC the Future](#) has developed an [infographic](#) detailing these losses. To help curb the impact of the pandemic and demonstrate ways every member of the community can lean in, a [social media toolkit](#) has been developed to spread the message of [learning loss reduction](#).

The [Levine Center to End Hate](#) is partnering with [Monroe Community College's Department of Global Education & International Services](#) to present a free, virtual series exploring the Asian and Asian American communities of Greater Rochester, the history of racism and xenophobia aimed at Asians and Asian Americans in our country, and ways we can work together to support our Asian and Asian American neighbors. The second installment of Asian Matters -- "Asian in Perspective," is set for **5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11**. Asian in Perspective features a local blues musician, a journalist, and a county legislator representing perspectives from Korean, Laotian and Indian cultural backgrounds. Hanna PK, Smriti Jacob, and Frank Keophetlasy talk about common misperceptions of Asian Americans and the negative effect they have on the community. Moderated by Samiha Islam. Register [here](#).

Registration is now open for the [YWCA STAND Against Racism – Sparking Change Virtual Experience](#) on **Wednesday, April 14**. Review the [Toolkit for Change](#).



[Coordinated Care Services, Inc.](#) - CCSI is hosting a conference, "From Theory to Practice: Moving individuals, organizations and the community," **Wednesday April 21 and Thursday, April 22**. The virtual conference aims to lead important conversations on diversity, racial equity, and inclusion with keynote speaker Dr. Ruth Shim, a national expert on racism and equity.

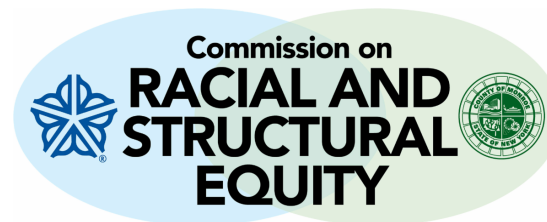
Other speakers include [Rochester Area Community Foundation's](#) Simeon Banister, who will join CCSI President Anne Wilder to discuss Race & Rochester. Click [here](#) for conference details and to register.

From [Whole Child Connection at Children's Institute](#) - Tips for supporting students returning to school: [Returning to Pre-K and Elementary Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)  
[Returning to Middle and High School Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)  
[Coming Back from COVID: A Web Series for Educators](#)

**Recommended:** The [Commission on Racial And Structural Equity](#) (RASE) has released their report, outlining five systemic solutions and nearly 40 specific recommendations.

Created in 2020, the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE) was charged with creating new laws and policies that seek to systematically dismantle structural inequities and racism across Rochester and Monroe County.

View the report [here](#).



*Our City. Our County. United for Change.*

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW:** Open Call - The J.M.K. Innovation Prize is awarding \$175k to 10 organizations. Created by the [J.M. Kaplan Fund](#), the prize seeks to identify, support, and elevate innovators who are spearheading transformative early-stage projects in the fields of social justice, the environment, and heritage conservation. The deadline for applications is April 30. Learn more [here](#).

**Coming soon!** We're opening another opportunity of [Responsive Grant funding: Call for Ideas](#). Through Call for Ideas we are seeking innovative, partnered work that reimagines systems, programs, and services to rebuild stronger, healthier communities and address inequities affecting populations including communities of color/indigenous communities, children and adults impacted by poverty, persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA persons, rural residents, immigrants/refugees and older adults. Workshops and support for prospective grantees will be made available in the coming weeks.

[Rochester Area Community Foundation](#) seeks social innovation proposals from BIPOC-led nonprofits to align with the Community Foundation's action areas of racial equity, poverty, and education through its [Racial Equity Growth Fund - Social Innovation Grant](#). The deadline to submit an application is May 15, 2021 at noon.

[Federal, State, and Local Financial Assistance](#) compiled by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

[COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation](#)

[Council on Foundations' list of Global Response Funds](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**540 WMain** City Roots Community Land Trust  
**4th Annual Conference:**  
**Resisting Gentrification: Then & Now** April 9 & April 10  
a 2-day virtual conference & educational event on the history of housing injustice in Rochester, and how this inequality has an impact on the city today

Register at  
<https://tinyurl.com/540gencon21>  
& learn more at  
[540gentrificationroc.org](https://540gentrificationroc.org)

virtual keynote speakers  
virtual workshops  
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THE INTERSECTION: WHERE EQUITY AND VITALITY MEET  
As a child growing up in Buffalo, **Valentino Dixon** loved to draw and was a gifted artist. As it turned out, art ended up saving his life after being wrongfully convicted of murder.  
**April 14 at Noon**  
RSVP at [racf.org/Webinars](https://racf.org/Webinars) to hear his story.  
First in our 2021 Series of Webinars

Wrongfully convicted of murder in 1991, Valentino Dixon was sentenced to 38½ years to life in prison. While he struggled to adjust to prison life, he began drawing again. A request from a warden to draw a scene from the Augusta National Golf Club, home of The Masters tournament, launched his journey as a [golf artist](#). Dixon's drawings — and his arrest and conviction — drew national attention.

annual conference designed to unpack and discuss the topic of gentrification in the City of Rochester.

The conference, set for **April 9-10**, offers hands on community engaged discussions, panels, and action work around the history of gentrification in Rochester neighborhoods and highlights the stories of community members directly affected by gentrification and displacement.

Learn more and register [here](#).

For a class project, Georgetown University students investigated and produced a powerful documentary about his case that helped exonerate him. Dixon served more than 27 years before he was released and his story proves the power of art and advocacy.

Join the [Rochester Area Community Foundation](#) at noon on **Wednesday, April 14** to hear Dixon tell his story. Click [here](#) to register for this free event.

*The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.*

