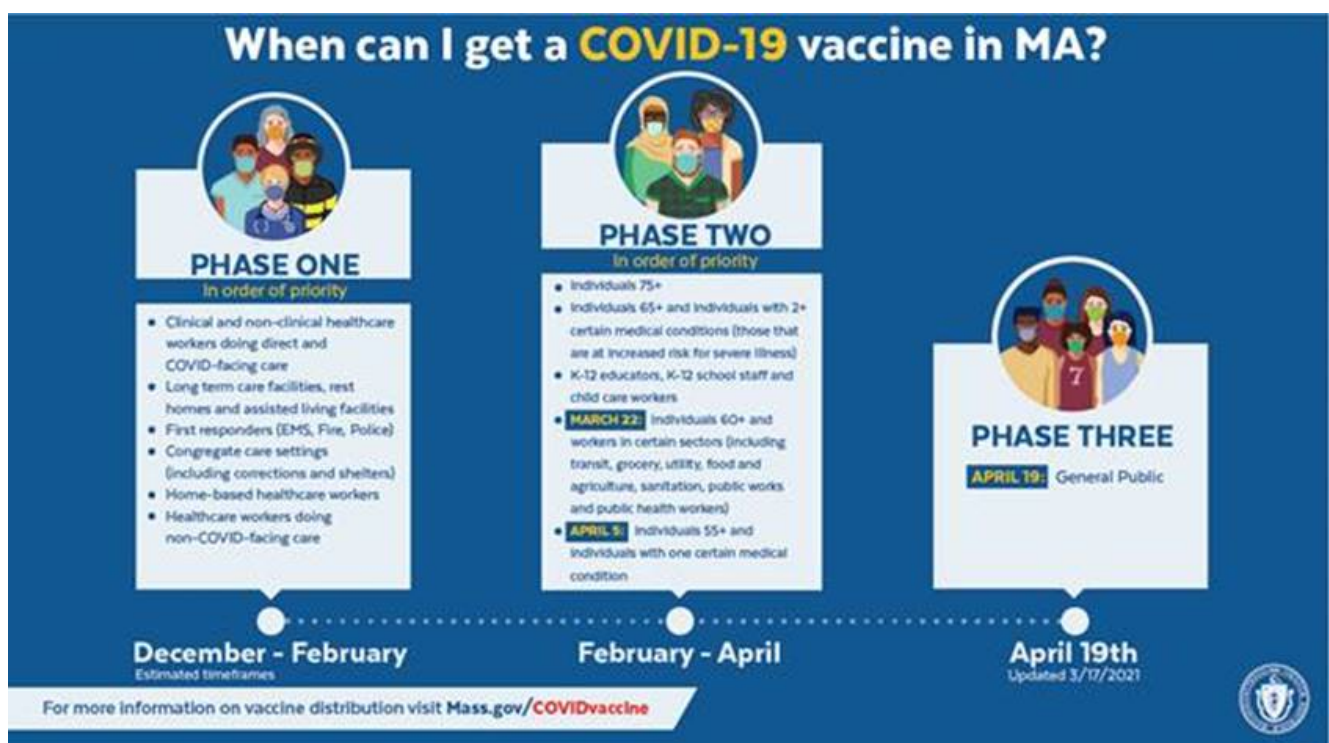


# Governor Baker Announces Vaccine Timeline for All Residents

Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the timeline for all remaining residents to be eligible for a vaccine.

The Administration also announced the weekly distribution of vaccine doses statewide for providers and a new \$24.7 million investment in the Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative.



## Vaccine Eligibility Timeline

Governor Baker today announced the dates that all remaining residents and certain worker groups will be eligible for a vaccine.

The Commonwealth's detailed timeline adheres to the original timeline for the three phases announced in December.

All residents can preregister to book an appointment at a mass

vaccination site at [mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine).

Appointments will be offered based on eligibility and available appointments nearby. It is expected that more sites will come online as part of the preregistration process in April.

Timeline for remaining groups:

March 22nd: Residents 60+ and certain workers

April 5th: Residents 55+ and residents with one certain medical condition

April 19th: General public ages 16 years of age and older

The full timeline is available at [mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases).

The Administration has received assurances from the federal government that an increased vaccine supply will be available to states soon.

Depending on supply, it could take weeks for people to be notified that an appointment is available at a mass vaccination site.

Dose Update

The Administration provided the weekly update for doses allocated from the federal government.

This week, the state is receiving a modest increase in supply of first doses, approximately 170,000. This includes an unexpected 8,000 doses of J&J vaccine.

In total, the Commonwealth will receive 316,000 first and second doses as part of the state allocation. These figures do not include doses provided through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program or to Federally Qualified Health Centers.

This week, first doses and second dose state allocations (total doses), were distributed among providers as follows:

Mass vaccination locations: 101,890

Health systems and health care providers (excluding CHCs): 99,230

Community Health Centers: 27,450

Regional Collaboratives and Local Boards of Health: 59,580

Regional Collaboratives: 40,370

Local Boards of Health: 19,210

Retail pharmacies (non-CVS)

State allocation: 8,490

Mobile Clinics supporting long-term care facilities, congregate care, affordable/low-income senior housing and homebound individuals: 19,180

Weekly allocations are subject to change based on federal availability, demand from providers, and obligations to meet second doses. Providers have 10 days to use their doses and must meet specific performance thresholds.

### **Federal Doses:**

In addition to the state allocation, the federal government distributes vaccines to CVS Health sites as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership as well as to certain Massachusetts federally qualified community health centers. These quantities fluctuate on a weekly basis and are not counted as part of the state's weekly allocation.

This week, 106,440 first and second doses have been allocated to the retail pharmacy program and 9,500 doses have been allocated to the federally qualified health centers.

Individuals looking to book appointments across any of these providers should visit [mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDvaccine) to learn more.

## **Vaccine Equity Initiative**

The Administration also announced the release of \$27.4 million in federal funds to increase trust, vaccine acceptance and administration rates as part of the Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative and to meet the needs of priority populations. Recognizing equity as a critical component of the state's vaccine distribution plan, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is working closely with 20 hardest hit communities in Massachusetts as they identify their specific community needs, further building on existing support.

These federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) build upon current and past efforts supporting vaccination in these communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and includes partnerships with municipalities, local boards of health, community- and faith-based organizations, community health centers and others to reduce barriers to vaccination. These funds also will provide direct vaccine administration to populations that are not effectively reached through existing vaccine supply channels.

These federal funds include:

\$10.6 million to provide direct assistance with vaccine access, including appointment registration assistance, transportation to vaccination clinics, mobility assistance, medical interpretation, and other supports. These services will be delivered through contracted community-based organizations (CBOs), community health centers (CHCs), and behavioral health providers.

\$5.1 million to invest in community health centers through the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers to expand vaccination capacity at community health centers, including Community Health Worker Ambassadors.

\$4.7 million to support municipalities and local boards of health through direct funding of the 20 equity municipalities

for coordination and support for vaccine clinics and acceptance.

\$4 million to help tailor community outreach and education through direct funding of local community-based and faith-based organizations in the 20 equity municipalities.

\$3 million for direct vaccine administration in community settings by funding qualified organizations to directly administer vaccination to groups not effectively reached by other mechanisms.

These activities will build on DPH-supported initiatives already in progress, such as outreach and collaboration with community and faith-based organizations, increased connections and investment in Community Health Centers, and grassroots neighborhood outreach by teams of trained staff and residents led by Archipelago Strategies Group (ASG), a minority-owned business, and Health Care For All (HCFA).

Other activities already underway include the DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador Program, which has assisted with dozens of local meetings to answer questions about vaccine, wide dissemination and amplification of the state's "Trust the Facts. Get the Vax." multilingual public awareness campaign, and the DPH Community Liaisons who are meeting weekly with representatives from the communities to identify and lift barriers to vaccine access and support community-based solutions.

The Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative focuses on 20 cities and towns with the greatest COVID-19 case burden, taking into account social determinants of health and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). These communities are Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield,

and Worcester.

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## **Member of New Bedford Latin Kings Chapter pleads guilty to Racketeering Conspiracy**

A former member of the New Bedford Chapter of the Massachusetts Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation ("Latin Kings") pleaded guilty today to racketeering and drug charges.

Natanael Velazquez, a/k/a "King Nael," 21, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, more commonly referred to as RICO conspiracy. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Rya W. Zobel scheduled sentencing for June 22, 2021.

The Latin Kings are a violent criminal enterprise comprised of thousands of members across the United States. The Latin Kings adhere to a national manifesto, employ an internal judiciary and use a sophisticated system of communication to maintain the hierarchy of the organization. As alleged in court documents, the gang uses drug distribution to generate revenue, and engages in violence against witnesses and rival gangs to further its influence and to protect its turf.

In December 2019, a federal grand jury returned an indictment alleging racketeering conspiracy, drug conspiracy and firearms charges against 62 leaders, members and associates of the Latin Kings. Natanael Velazquez is the 41st defendant to plead guilty in the case.

The RICO conspiracy charge provides for a sentence of up to 20

years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Commissioner Carol Mici of the Massachusetts Department of Correction; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was also provided by the FBI North Shore Gang Task Force and the Bristol County and Suffolk County District Attorney's Offices. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard and Lauren Graber of Mendell's Criminal Division are prosecuting the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The remaining defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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## **Boston Police Department seek**

# **public's help in identifying tagging suspects**

"Detectives from the Boston Police Department are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above individuals who are suspected of vandalizing four motor vehicles.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at about 3:40 AM in the area of 375 Harrison Avenue. The Boston Police Department continues to actively review the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident.

Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact detectives assigned to District D-4 (South End) at (617) 343-4683.

Community members with information relative to this incident who wish to assist anonymously can do so calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner."

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## **New Bedford Man Agrees to Plead Guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine**

A New Bedford man agreed to pleaded guilty on Monday to his role in a cocaine distribution conspiracy.

Victor Alejandro-Carrillo, 26, agreed to plead guilty to one



count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, one count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and one count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock deferred accepting Alejandro-Carrillo's plea until his sentencing hearing, which is scheduled for July 19, 2021. Alejandro-Carrillo was charged in December 2019, along with 12 co-defendants.

From at least June 2017 through December 2019, it is alleged that Alejandro-Carrillo was involved in a cocaine distribution conspiracy in which he agreed with others to receive parcels containing cocaine that had been shipped from Puerto Rico to Massachusetts. Upon receipt of the parcels, Alejandro-Carrillo made arrangements to deliver the cocaine to co-conspirators. Investigators intercepted a number of communications between the defendant and co-conspirators in furtherance of that conspiracy and seized multiple parcels containing kilograms of cocaine. In total, Alejandro-Carrillo possessed and conspired to distribute at least 17.9 kilograms of cocaine.

In addition, from at least February 2019 through December 2019, Alejandro-Carrillo was allegedly involved in another cocaine distribution conspiracy. As a part of that conspiracy, Alejandro-Carrillo communicated with co-conspirators to purchase varying quantities of cocaine on multiple occasions for re-distribution. In addition, from approximately February 2019 through April 2019, Alejandro-Carrillo was involved in a conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl. Investigators intercepted communications with respect to both of those conspiracies as well.

The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine

provides for a minimum sentence of 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$1 million. The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl provides for a minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; Joseph Cronin, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Estes of Mendell's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

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# **New Bedford Fire Department respond to structure fire on Palmer Street**

Shortly after 0900 hrs. yesterday morning, Engine 6 was returning from getting fuel when they observed smoke in the area of Palmer Street in the west end. 911 calls were also received at 0911 hrs. reporting a structure fire at 287 Palmer Street. Upon their arrival, fire had already extended up the exterior wall and into the single-family dwelling.

In addition to extinguishing the exterior fire, crews brought multiple hose lines to the second floor and attic to extinguish a fire that had extended to the interior.

Engines 1, 6, 7, Ladders 1 and 3 responded with Command Units 1 and 2. NBPD, NBEMS, and the Providence Canteen provided on-scene support. NBEMS transported one resident to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation.

The American Red Cross is assisting the five displaced residents. Animal Control assisted with shelter for two dogs, two cats, and birds.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Fire Investigation Unit and appears to be accidental.



*New Bedford Fire Department photo.*



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## **Former Olympian, Mainwaring arraigned on Indecent Assault**

# **and Battery charges; Massachusetts State Police believe there are more victims**

Berkshire District Attorney Andrea Harrington announced today that the Berkshire Superior Court arraigned Conrad Mainwaring on 12 counts of indecent assault and battery.

Troopers assigned to the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit attached to Harrington's office completed the rendition of Mainwaring from California late last week in preparation for today's appearance.

Mainwaring had not guilty pleas entered on his behalf on the charges. Judge John Agostini set bail at \$200,000 with conditions that Mainwaring have no contact with children under the age of 16, surrender his passport, confirm whereabouts with probation, and waive rendition.

The Berkshire District Attorney's Office previously obtained the indictments on the 69-year-old former Olympian for nine counts of indecent assault and battery on a child over the age of 14 and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14. The investigation was launched by the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit upon receipt of open-source media information from ESPN reporting the alleged incidents in great detail.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers arrested Mainwaring on the fugitive from justice warrant with Mainwaring subsequently waiving extradition. The charges are the result of a multi-year, multi-jurisdictional investigation conducted by the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit into dozens of allegations of indecent assault and batteries

committed by Mainwaring.

He allegedly committed these acts while employed as a counselor at Camp Greylock in Becket in the 1970s. The State Police investigation consisted of extensive follow up on various leads and interviews across numerous states and college campuses across the country.

"I thank the State Police investigators who continue to work tirelessly on this case. We believe that there are many other victims and we ask them to contact local law enforcement or the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit as we continue to seek justice," District Attorney Andrea Harrington said.

"We take allegations of adults who abuse their position of trust by preying on youth very seriously and will continue to focus our prosecutorial resources on holding perpetrators of these crimes accountable."

The Massachusetts State Police and Berkshire State Police investigators believe there are other victims and witnesses across the country who have yet to come forward. Investigators have established a dedicated phone line within the Berkshire Detective Unit for victims and witnesses in this case to report any information.

Victims and witnesses are encouraged to contact investigators on this dedicated telephone line at:

413-449-5863.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Tesoniero is prosecuting the case.

Berkshire District Attorney Andrea Harrington's office serves all 32 cities and towns in Berkshire County. The office represents the Commonwealth in more than 7,500 criminal cases per year in Berkshire Superior Court, three district courts, three juvenile courts, Massachusetts Appeals Court, and



Supreme Judicial Court. The office works closely with the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office, the Berkshire Law Enforcement Task Force, and collaborates with local police departments across the county. A dedicated staff of more than 50 prioritizes public safety, empowering victims and witnesses through services and support, and building a safe community for everyone and especially the most vulnerable.

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## **Massachusetts State Troopers respond to crash involving tractor-trailer and five other vehicles**

At 2:20 p.m. Monday Troopers from the State Police-Revere Barracks and specialized units responded to Route 1 northbound, south of the Route 60 rotary, in Revere for a serious crash involving a tractor-trailer and five other vehicles. The driver and passenger in one of the cars, a 44-year-old Peabody woman and a 49-year-old Peabody man, were transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious, potentially life-threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigation by Troopers suggests the tractor-trailer, a 2019 Volvo operated by a 59-year-old Kingston, N.H., man, rear-ended a 2006 Ford Five Hundred sedan occupied by the Peabody couple in the left lane of the northbound side of the highway. The impact caused subsequent chain reaction collisions between the Ford, a 2018 Volkswagen Tiguan sport utility vehicle operated by a 48-year-old Danvers man, a 2014



Subaru Outback operated by a 43-year-old Newburyport man, a 2013 Nissan Altima operated by a 39-year-old Danvers man, and a 2013 Honda Accord operated by a 32-year-old Medford man and carrying a 31-year-old Medford man as a passenger.

The occupants of the Ford Five Hundred, one of whom was entrapped and was extricated from the vehicle by Revere firefighters, sustained serious injuries. The drivers of the tractor-trailer and the Tiguan were not injured. The occupants of the Outback, Altima and Accord – four people in all – were transported to area hospitals with minor injuries.

The facts and circumstances of the crash remain under investigation by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police, the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County. The result of that investigation will determine if criminal charges will be sought.

The tractor-trailer is owned by Velez Brothers Trucking of Danvers. Multiple lanes on both sides of Route 1 were closed for nearly two hours to accommodate the rescue response and investigation.

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**Massachusetts Officials  
announce first case of P.1  
COVID-19 variant; urge**

# continued protective measures

The Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that the first case of the P.1 COVID-19 variant of concern, which originated in Brazil, has been detected in Massachusetts. The individual is a woman in her 30s who resides in Barnstable County.

DPH was notified of her test results from genetic sequencing conducted through the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's national surveillance system. Currently, there is no information available on the woman's illness or whether she has recently traveled. She tested positive for COVID-19 in late February.

As of today, there have been 213 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, originally found in the United Kingdom, and 6 cases of the B.1.351, which originated in South Africa, reported in Massachusetts. The B.1.1.7 variant is known to spread more easily and has caused a rapid surge of cases in the UK, several other countries, and parts of the United States.

The best defense against variants of concern is to prevent the spread of COVID.

This includes wearing a mask, social distancing, avoiding groups, staying home when you are sick, getting tested if you have symptoms or are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID, and getting vaccinated when it is your turn.

Learn more about variants of concern at [New Variants of the Virus that Causes COVID-19 | CDC](#) and track their presence in both Massachusetts and the US at [US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants | CDC](#).

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# **29-year old New Bedford repeat Fentanyl dealer sentenced to prison**

A 29-year-old New Bedford man with an extensive history of illegal drug distribution convictions was sentenced last week to serve three to five years in state prison after being convicted of dealing fentanyl and cocaine, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Nicholas Beiruti pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to indictments charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, and assault and battery on a police officer.

On August 31, 2019 at approximately 5:15 pm a Massachusetts State Police trooper stopped a vehicle with no inspection sticker in the area of Rivet and Juniper streets. One of the passengers, this defendant, was acting extremely nervous when police approached the vehicle. The trooper recognized him as a known drug dealer who was on probation for a recent drug distribution conviction.

While the trooper ran a warrant check, he noticed this defendant moving around the back seat in an apparent effort to conceal something. This defendant was also breathing heavily and visibly sweating.

After waiting for police backup, the trooper removed the defendant from the vehicle. During a pat frisk, police noticed a hard object in the backside of the defendant's pants. The object was consistent with a bag of narcotics. Once the defendant felt the trooper has found the item, he began

kicking the trooper and bit his finger.

Once the defendant was secured, troopers were able to remove the object from his pants. The object turned out to be a large bag containing six baggie of fentanyl and nine baggies of crack cocaine. Police also seized more than \$3,000 in cash from his pocket.

The defendant has an eight-page criminal record, dating back to 2006, which included numerous arrests and convictions for drug related offenses.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Steve Butts and the three to five year state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Thomas J. Perrino.

“The defendant, whot has a history of drug dealing, continued to sell fentanyl and cocaine while already on probation for selling drugs. This is a defendant who persists in drug dealing and needs to be kept off the street.,” District Attorney Quinn said.

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## **Bristol Community College Holocaust and Genocide Center to offer virtual spring programming**

Please join the Bristol Community College Holocaust and Genocide Center for informative and thought-provoking virtual programming throughout the spring season. All virtual events are free and open to all.

Bristol's Holocaust and Genocide Center sponsors speakers, workshops, conferences and maintains a library of Holocaust and genocide material for use by the college community and the public.

The Bristol Community College Holocaust and Genocide Center also provides historical information, educational experiences and multimedia resources to communicate the suffering, pain, and death of innocent millions who were impacted by the Holocaust and other genocides.

Please register for each event at the links below. Once registered, participants will receive an email invite with the link and information to join the virtual event.

**A Hard Look in the Mirror: Nostra Aetate and Catholic Self Examination After the Holocaust**

*Monday, March 22, 2021, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.*

**Register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-hard-look-in-the-mirror-tickets-142878584693>

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Arthur Urbano, Professor of Theology, Providence College, will discuss the long and troubling history between the Catholic Church and the Jewish population and the attempt of the church to rectify it after the Holocaust.

**Refuge from the Holocaust in Latin America**

*Monday, April 5, 2021, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.*

**Register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/refuge-from-the-holocaust-in-latin-america-tickets-146317281929>

**Keynote Speaker:** Christina Chavarria, Program Coordinator, Levine Institute for Holocaust Education, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, will discuss the roles that countries in Latin America played in providing a refuge for those of the Jewish population who could escape Nazi-occupied Europe as

well as in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

**The Unanswered Letter: One Holocaust Family's Plea for Help**

*Wednesday, April 21, 2021, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.*

**Register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-unanswered-letter-one-holocaust-family-desperate-plea-for-help-tickets-146329965867>

Keynote Speaker: Faris Cassell, Author and Journalist, is the recipient of the 2020 Jewish Book Award and will discuss the process by which she researched and wrote "The Unanswered Letter."

For more information about Bristol Community College's Holocaust and Genocide Center and virtual spring programming, please visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/holocaustcenter>, or email [ron.weisberger@bristolcc.edu](mailto:ron.weisberger@bristolcc.edu).