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## Free June webinar series on “Learning from COVID-19: Lessons from Experts in the Field of Aging”

*Registration is open for June 5 with Dr. David Barile, Laurie Facciarossa Brewer and Gwen Orlowski: “Impact on Long-Term Care and Medical Decision-Making”*

TRENTON, NJ (May 21, 2020) – The New Jersey Foundation for Aging is hosting a free webinar series in June on “Learning from COVID-19: Lessons from Experts in the Field of Aging.” The webinars –sponsored by Archer Law Office, LLC, and AARP New Jersey – will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays June 5, 12 and 26. Melissa Chalker, Executive Director of the NJFA, will moderate.

Topics covered are “Impact on Long-Term Care and Medical Decision-Making” on June 5, “Impact on Age-Friendly Communities and Immigrant Families” on June 12 and “Scams and Benefit News” on June 26. For more information and to register, visit [www.njfoundationforaging.org](http://www.njfoundationforaging.org) or call 609-421-0206.

Registration is now open for Session One on June 5, “Impact on Long-Term Care and Medical Decision-Making.” Speaking will be Dr. David Barile, Founder and Chief Medical Officer of [Goals of Care Coalition of NJ](http://Goals of Care Coalition of NJ) (GOCCNJ) [pictured, left]; Laurie Facciarossa Brewer, [NJ's Long-Term Care Ombudsman](http://NJ's Long-Term Care Ombudsman) [center], and Gwen Orlowski, Executive Director, [Disability Rights NJ](http://Disability Rights NJ).

Dr. Barile will discuss the NJ Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form and its importance for at-risk people. A NJ POLST form can be downloaded at [goalsofcare.org](http://goalsofcare.org).

Laurie Facciarossa Brewer and Gwen Orlowski will address the [impact of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis on long-term care residents and their families](http://impact of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis on long-term care residents and their families), providing details on how their respective organizations and other advocacy groups have responded. They will also be highlighting innovative practices and collaborations, as well as outlining broader policy changes needed to avert future crises.

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*The New Jersey Foundation for Aging ([www.njfoundationforaging.org](http://www.njfoundationforaging.org)) is the only statewide nonprofit organization focused solely on providing leadership in public policy and education to enable older adults to live with independence and dignity in their communities. In addition to its policy leadership role, the NJFA produces the award-winning **Aging Insights**, a monthly half-hour TV program promoting dialogue on critical issues for older adults and caregivers. The show can be seen on more than 70 public-access stations, [www.njfoundationforaging.org/aging-insights](http://www.njfoundationforaging.org/aging-insights) and [www.youtube.com/njfoundationforaging](http://www.youtube.com/njfoundationforaging). The NJFA also presents an annual conference offering development opportunities and best practices for professionals entrusted with caring for seniors.*

