

# Good News

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## COVID-19 vaccinations begin at URM

On December 14, the first shipment of the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine arrived in Rochester and was administered to employees at Strong Memorial Hospital. Researchers and volunteers in Rochester have been involved in the testing of the vaccine since May.

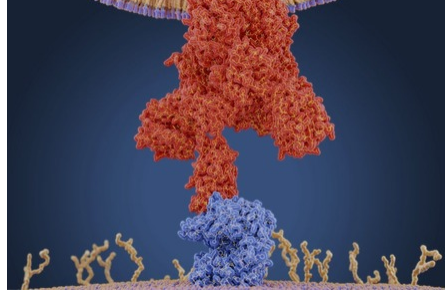
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## CAR T-cell therapy: 'Research and amazing medicine'

Nicole Zaleski-Conine, a then-44-year-old mother of five in Irondequoit, wasn't responding well to chemotherapy when she tried a new treatment offered at the Wilmot Cancer Institute. In one month, the cancer had disappeared, and today, she remains stable.

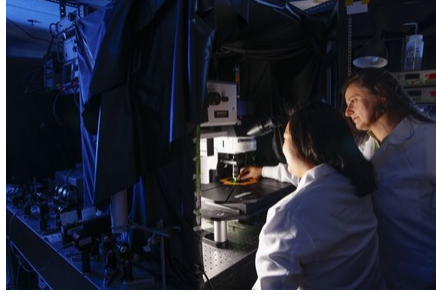
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## How do RNA vaccines work?

The recently approved Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine made history as the first vaccine ever approved by the FDA for human use that is based on RNA technology. Rochester research into RNA structure and function has provided key information for developing coronavirus treatments.

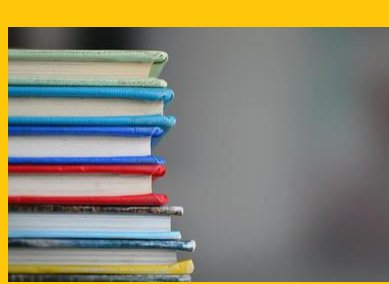
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## Memories create 'fingerprints' that reveal how the brain is organized

URMC research on these unique neurological signatures will expand our understanding of how the brain is networked, and could ultimately be used to study, diagnose, and even improve treatment of disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

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## University launches virtual book club

Join us to connect, share recommendations, and discuss thought-provoking titles on a variety of topics.

Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement, participation is free and open to the entire University community, including donors and volunteers. Sign up by January 9 for the first selection, *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

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## Social media highlight



Golisano Children's Hospital  
December 14 at 7:01 PM · 🌐

Look to the sky! Santa and Mrs. Claus visited URM by way of holiday helicopter to deliver gifts for hospital staff, a reminder of the community's support for our life-saving efforts during this second pandemic surge. They also spread holiday cheer by making a special "fly-by" for the children in care at Golisano Children's Hospital. Visit [covid.urmc.edu](https://www.covid.urmc.edu) to see how you can help our staff during this holiday season.



Angela Regelski Pullen and 651 others

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