

I've Got Mine, Let's Get Yours
Help Older Family Members and Neighbors Get Their Free COVID-19 Vaccinations

Houston – We all probably know someone who needs help getting a COVID-19 vaccination, but they may not ask; this is especially true for older people. When Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that all Texans over the age of 18 can be vaccinated, he also stressed not leaving older folks behind. He strongly encouraged communities to prioritize getting people 80 years of age and older vaccinated, since they are the most likely to suffer from serious COVID-19 complications.

Getting signed up for the COVID-19 vaccine can be challenging for our older community members, especially if they don't use a smart phone or computer and struggle with automated phone systems. And even if they could sign up, many are concerned they won't have a ride to the vaccine site.

Harris County Public Health is launching a new campaign – I've Got Mine, Let's Get Yours – aimed at getting some of our most vulnerable residents vaccinated. So, don't wait for older relatives or neighbors to ask for help; ask them if they have been vaccinated and if not, ask them how *you* can help. Computer savvy grandchildren can sign up grandparents or elderly family members for online waitlists and have vaccine appointments sent to their own smart phones. People familiar with automated phone systems can call vaccine hotlines to put older relatives or neighbors on a waitlist. Register for the Harris County Public Health (HCPH) COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist at: vacstrac.hctx.net or call **832-927-8585**. If the older people in your life can't drive, take them to their vaccine appointment or ask someone else to do it.

Starting this week, an even easier option is being provided by Harris County Public Health, FEMA, and the City of Houston. People 80 and over can be vaccinated ***without an appointment*** at NRG Park. They will receive the free, one-dose Johnsons & Johnson vaccine. The location is: NRG Park, Yellow Lot, Entrance Gate 16, 9036 S. Main St, Houston, TX 77054. Vaccinations are provided at NRG Park 7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

We are all busy, but take a few minutes to think about the older people you know. Your mom, grandmother, an elderly uncle, or the sweet homebound lady down the street who gives out Halloween candy every year.

How many people can each of us help protect from COVID-19? Start asking today and tell them: *I've Got Mine, Let's Get Yours*. There is no return to 'normal' until many more of us are vaccinated, so let's make sure no one is left behind.