

My name is Gloria Wilson and I live in Round Rock Texas. I moved here about a year and a half ago. I am 75 years old and I retired 4 years ago from being a program manager for a major defense contractor, before that I was a major in the air force, before that I was a schoolteacher.

The process of getting the vaccine is very complicated. Very uncertain because they keep changing the rules. Very difficult for people who are more senior in age and don't have all the technology skills to register for the vaccine. As an example, when I heard that the vaccine was going to be available for people 75 and up, I called a pharmacy and was told "oh, no" only for 1A First responders' and medical staff. However, the news says that it is easy to get an appointment at the pharmacies.

I called several different pharmacies, but they never answered the phone because they were all busy. Then I called the Williamson County Department of Public Health but all I got was their voicemail.

My husband and I are veterans and are serviced by the local VA clinics. I received an email saying that they were going to give out vaccines to people 75 and over; I received that email at 3:30pm on Jan 15th. However, when I called to make an appointment, they said they were only going to do people 75 and over. That caused a problem because I cannot drive, and my husband is 74, so if we went together, I would be able to get a shot, but we would have to come back for him to get his shot. Since I received that email, I have called the VA everyday trying to explain to them that he should be able to get the shot when he brings me, so we don't have to go there twice. However, the rules are very strict. You have to be 75 and up and they won't take anybody under 75 no matter what. So, we now have to wait until they are giving the shots to people who are 65 and over.

The other alternative is to determine how Williamson county is going to be doing their shots. But I would have to go onto their website and there is nothing posted on their website yet. So now I wait until I can get more information so we can get the shot.

I'm excited to get the vaccine. It's the only way we're going to stop this pandemic.