

DC Grandparents Against COVID-19



FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

"I have seen too many people die. I don't want to bury my children or grandchildren. We can get through this together. I have to be an example for them... It's going to take the whole country, the whole world to make a difference. But we can look out for each other in our neighborhoods and communities."

Judy Brown,
Grandmother
Resident of Ward 8

What is Grandparents Against COVID-19?

DC Grandparents Against COVID-19 is a movement by grandparents united in the goal of encouraging loved ones to get vaccinated and boosted.

Isn't COVID-19 over yet?

COVID-19 has not gone away. Many people in DC of all ages are still not vaccinated or boosted, putting them and their loved ones at risk.

Some people are very resistant to getting vaccinated. How will grandparents prepare themselves?

Grandparents are using different tactics to get family members vaccinated, from tough love to persistence. But they know there's a lot they can learn from each other, health professionals, and younger people about how to be successful.

Grandparents are invited to educational sessions to learn more about COVID-19 and the vaccine. There will also be "practice" conversations, so grandparents can learn more about handling tough conversations.

Who is leading Grandparents Against COVID-19?

A leadership circle of grandparents guides the movement.

What organizations support Grandparents Against COVID-19?

Grandparents Against COVID-19 is a program of HelpAge USA, a nonprofit which promotes older people's (60+) wellbeing and self-advocacy, in partnership with the DC Department of Aging and Community Living.

Do you need to be a grandparent to participate?

No. Many older people are like a grandparent to others and can play an influential role in their lives.

Is it just younger family members that grandparents will be encouraging?

No, anyone who is unvaccinated or hasn't gotten a booster. It could even be a friend, a neighbor, or an older family member like a parent or a cousin.

How will we know if we have been successful?

By whether grandparents have made a difference in influencing others to get vaccinated. We've set a goal of 500 grandparents joining the alliance. Each grandparent commits to encouraging at least 4 people who are not fully vaccinated or haven't gotten a booster. A survey will help determine how many of us successfully influenced others.

Can younger people support Grandparents Against COVID-19?

Yes! Younger people can support Grandparents Against COVID-19 by lending technology skills or spreading the word about the power of grandparents!



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