

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 among adults 60+ united in the goal of encouraging loved ones of all ages to get vaccinated and boosted.

Isn't COVID-19 over yet?

Unfortunately, it has not gone away, and many in DC of all ages are still not vaccinated or boosted, putting them and their loved ones at risk.

Some people are very resistant for many reasons. It's complicated!

Grandparents use various tactics to get family members vaccinated, from tough love to persistence. We are learning from each other, health professionals, and younger people about what makes a successful conversation about their concerns.

Our educational sessions offer up-to-date information, practice conversations, and a friendly, supportive place to learn about handling tough conversations.

Who is leading Grandparents Against COVID-19?

A leadership circle of dedicated grandparents guides the movement.

What organizations support this important community resource?

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 AARP DC and the DC Department of Aging and Community Living.

Do you need to be a grandparent to participate?

Not at all! We welcome all older people who are like a grandparent to others. They all play an influential role in their families and communities.

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

No, we reach out to anyone who is unvaccinated or hasn't gotten a booster – a friend, a neighbor, or an older family member, such as a parent or a cousin.

How will we know if we have been successful?

We've set a goal of 500 grandparents joining the alliance and we are seeing results every day! Each grandparent commits to encouraging at least 4 people to discuss getting their vaccine or booster. A survey will help determine how many of us successfully influenced others.

Can younger people get involved?

Yes! Younger people can support our efforts by lending technology skills and helping to spread the word about the power of grandparents!

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