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Mike,

I don't know if there is anything you can do about this but please try. The information is conflicting.
According to CDC and HHS 706,075 doses have been distributed to NC as of 1/10/21. That doesn't count the second doses that are also being distributed in the same number. The decision to prioritize immunizations based purely on age puts a higher priority on ease of screening candidates than comorbidity factors. Something happened to relying on the science.

Population counts for 2019 show 75-84 as being 518,910. Yet I was told that it would be 6-8 weeks by the Swain Health Department before I could get the vaccine. I'm 71 with heart and lung problems. Of course, medical personnel, first responders, and essential workers get theirs first, but it looks like the administration is sitting on doses of the vaccine. The CDC also reports that NC is in the bottom 10 states for vaccine administration of shots delivered.

Perhaps this would work better through the commercial pharmacies than through a government agency.

Thank you for all you do.

Leonard