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Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has begun the process of registering individuals in Phase 1B for the COVID-19 vaccine. Phase 1B recipients include people:

- 65 years of age and older, or
- With at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
  - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
  - Solid organ transplantation
  - Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher)
  - Pregnancy
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Due to the increased demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, HCPH requires registration to ensure the special populations in the DSHS Tier 1 Phase 1A and 1B have the opportunity to receive the vaccine. Anyone who has not registered, is not a health care worker, or is not over 65, or without an underlying medical condition will be asked to return to a HCPH site at a later time.

Responding to the survey will put CFISD staff members who are eligible to be in Phase 1B in the queue to receive the vaccine as soon as it is available. HCPH will then send an email to those individuals to register for the vaccine.

Access the survey at: <https://arcg.is/8mLm0>