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**Message from Harris County Public Health:**

Harris County has developed a new process for registering individuals for the COVID-19 vaccine for those in Phase 1A (healthcare workers) and 1B. 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

With the new process, individuals will be randomly selected from the waitlist by prioritization group. HCPH hopes that the new system will be more equitable in giving those eligible individuals the ability to register for a vaccine appointment. The link will be available later today at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) and <https://vacstrac.hctx.net/>.

Please note that non-nurse school staff are listed in a drop-down box under “None” in the following section:

*“Are you employed in or do you belong to any of the following areas?”*