

Fairhaven woman shares frustration with getting COVID vaccine access for her home-bound Vietnam veteran husband

"I have known this was an issue but thought it would be figured out in a reasonable amount of time. I was wrong! So so wrong!

My husband is a disabled combat veteran (Vietnam) with advanced MS due to agent orange exposure. He has been home-bound for over a year and a half. There are NO provisions, NONE, for vaccinating the home-bound.

Our town COA was getting permission to be a local vaccination site and planned to have our EMS do home visits but that option was removed when the state/governor pulled all local vaccination options back to the state level. I've been told a 20-year old that smokes and is obese can be vaccinated. But that my husband cannot. (Not because he's not eligible but because he cannot access the vaccine)!!!

I get that a large amount of this is logistics but seriously?? REALLY REALLY are you serious? WHO ARE WE?

Did I mention he's homebound because he's a combat veteran? Did I mention, (and I know it's not part of this), but he's also a Gold Star dad? Did I mention I had home health aides to help me with his care that we paid, (private pay), but I let them go because of COVID??

We have been on our own and he's been home-bound for a long-time, over a year? Where is our assistance? We have always

been self-sufficient and our family did more than our part to defend and support our country. Why are the home-bound forgotten?!! I know it's not just us!

I hate to add but at least my husband has me as an advocate. There are probably so many that do not have that! What about others out there that cannot leave their homes and possibly the meals on wheels lady is their only contact/voice!? I have always been a moderate voice and a pull up by your own bootstraps person, (I'm a swamp Yankee!) “, but seriously...

WHO ARE WE??!!”-Lisa J Rodriguez.