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Covid-19 Slammed Her Neighborhood. She Can't Find Her Father a Vaccine. | The New York Times

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Flora Pérez, a produce vendor in Queens, has been trying for weeks to get a vaccine appointment for her 82-year-old father.

"It's really, really hard — none are available," Ms. Pérez, 58, said as she wrapped tomatillos in plastic bags at her stand in the Corona neighborhood. She does not have time to spend hours online or calling the state's hotline, she said, so she and her siblings have been taking turns.

"I'm waiting and waiting," she said.

Corona, where Ms. Pérez and her father live, is one of the New York City neighborhoods that have been <u>most devastated by the pandemic</u>. Now it is <u>among the places</u> where the fewest residents have received vaccines. In one ZIP code in Corona, fewer than 5 percent of the predominantly poor and working-class immigrant population had received at least one dose as of Sunday, <u>data shows</u> — among the very lowest rates in the city. In one wealthy ZIP code on Manhattan's Upper East Side, that number reached 28 percent.

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