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In order to be able to get my 73 year old mother access to the Fall COVID booster to provide her necessary protection during the 2025-2026 COVID season, we were unable to get any appointments in Oregon for several weeks and ended up traveling out of state to Vancouver, Washington to get access to this necessary medical care. This was due to our neighboring state more quickly releasing guidance on what state pharmacists should do to continue access to vulnerable populations. Oregon's lack of clear guidance and delay in releasing the approval on a state-level put my mother at significantly higher risk.