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A lot of people in the Ethiopian/Eritrean community tend to rely on home remedies when it comes to any illnesses similar to the flu or the common cold. They also tend to be hesitant toward vaccinations because they think that home remedies can be equally effective and they like to wait and see how others will react to the vaccine first. This was the case with my father. My dad is pretty young and healthy. He works in the hospital setting, so he is in direct contact with sick people every day. His employers offered the staff the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) when it first became available, and my dad was relieved as soon as he saw the word 'voluntary'.

He had no plans on taking the vaccine until he got sick later that month and tested positive, along with everyone in the house. This was the deciding factor for my dad and family. As soon as they were better and tested negative, they went and got vaccinated, as they were all essential workers.