

Happy Halloween





Apple User Group

October 31, 2019
96th Presentation*



*Since Jan 2010

November
Thanksgiving

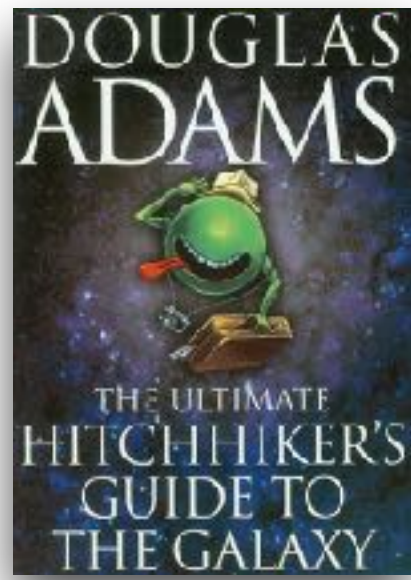
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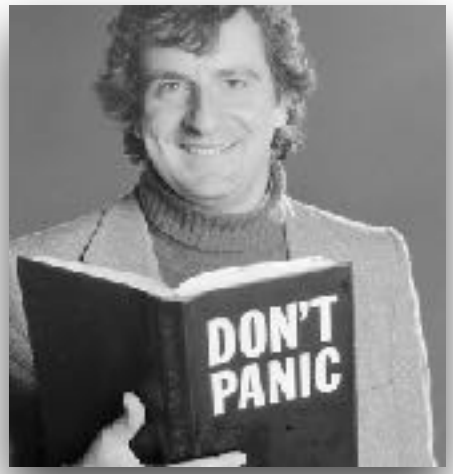
Thursday 1:00pm

December
Christmas





A Quote from Douglas Adams



- Anything that is in the world when you're born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works
- Anything that's invented between when you're fifteen and thirty-five is new, exciting and revolutionary...
- Anything invented after you are thirty-five is against the natural order of things

Alexa News



Alexa News



- If you don't understand why Alexa responded the way she did, you can now say "Alexa, tell me what you heard" or "tell me why you did that"
- You'll soon be able to get Samuel L. Jackson's voice for Alexa
 - There will be both an explicit version and a clean version
 - The Alexa "skill" will cost 99¢ as an introductory offer and after the introductory period, the price will be \$4.99
 - This is the first of many future celebrity voices

Alexa News



- Alexa now knows how to speak Spanish
- On September 25th, Amazon announced over 25 new Alexa related devices and several new services
- I'll cover some of these announcements and let you know when they are available for order and ship dates
- I'll also give the standard pricing: Just note that Amazon often lowers the price on all their devices during the year, especially during Prime Days and Black Friday



Echo Dot w/Clock

- This is an Echo Dot with a built-in display (currently limited to the time)
- There are some rumors that this might expand beyond just the clock display
- It only comes in Sandstone and it costs \$59.99, available to order now, but currently backordered till November 4
- The Dot without clock will continue to be sold for \$49.99 in 4 colors (Sandstone, plum, heather gray, and charcoal)



3rd Generation Echo



- The new 3rd generation Echo has new premium speakers powered by Dolby to play 360° audio with dynamic bass response
- It comes in 4 colors: Charcoal, Heather Gray, Sandstone, or Twilight Blue and costs \$99.99
- It is available now
- The 2nd generation Echo has been reduced to \$69.99, but with limited availability



Echo Studio



- Echo Studio is a new high-end Alexa-enabled speaker
- This is a direct competitor to Apple's HomePod and Google Max
- It includes left, right and top mid-range speakers to create directional sound, a directional tweeter for high end performance and a 5.25-inch bass driver with a bass port
- It supports Dolby Atmos and 360-degree audio
- Echo Studio costs \$199.99 and can be ordered now, and it ships on November 7



Echo Flex

- The Echo Flex is designed to cheaply add Alexa's voice control to a room that you don't necessarily need high quality speakers (i.e. garage, laundry room, workshop, ...)
- It plugs directly in a wall outlet and has a tiny built-in speaker
- It has a USB port that allows you to charge stuff, or use 3rd party add-ons, like a night light, or a motion detector
- It costs \$24.99 and can be ordered now, shipping on Nov 14th



Echo Flex is packed with flexibility

With the built-in USB-A port, you can charge your phone or add an optional accessory like a night-light or motion sensor.

Compare Echo devices



Echo Flex



Echo Dot



Echo



Echo Plus



Echo Studio

Price	From: \$24.99	From: \$49.99	From: \$99.99	From: \$149.99	From: \$199.99
Ratings	No customer reviews yet	★★★★★ (61,121)	No customer reviews yet	★★★★★ (5,061)	No customer reviews yet
Alexa built in	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speakers	0.6" mini speaker	1.6" speaker	0.8" tweeter and 3" woofer	0.8" tweeter and 3" woofer	1" tweeter, three 2" mid-range speakers, and 5.25" woofer
Line in/out	3.5 mm line out	3.5 mm line out	3.5 mm line in/out	3.5 mm line in/out	3.5 mm or mini-optical Toslink line in
Dolby processing			✓	✓	Dolby Atmos
Built-in Zigbee smart home hub				✓	✓
LED clock display		Featured on Echo Dot with clock			

*Apple's HomePod is \$299



Echo Show 8

- Echo Show 8 is an Echo with an 8” square HD screen
- At \$129, it’s available to order now and ships on Nov 21st
- It’s available Charcoal or Sandstone
- Amazon now offers three different-sized Echo display-enabled devices (5” for \$89.99, and 10” for \$229.99)

Compare Echo Show devices



Echo Show 5



Echo Show 8



Echo Show

Price	From: \$89.99	From: \$129.99	From: \$229.99
Ratings	★★★★★ (7,869)	No customer reviews yet	★★★★★ (6,337)
Alexa built in	✓	✓	✓
Screen	5.5" with 960 x 480 resolution	8.0" with 1280 x 800p resolution	10.1" with 1280 x 800 resolution
Speakers	1 x 1.7" @ 4W	2 x 2.0" @ 10W per channel	2 x 2.2" @ 10W per channel
Dolby processing			✓
Camera	1MP	1MP	5MP
Built-in Zigbee smart home hub			✓
Camera controls	Built-in camera shutter and microphone/camera off button	Built-in camera shutter and microphone/camera off button	Microphone/camera off button



Echo Glow

- Echo Glow is an ambient smart lamp that Amazon states as a smart lamp for kids
- However, I think it sounds pretty cool for a certain adult
- You have to pair with a compatible Alexa device and you can control color and brightness with your voice
- There is a Rainbow Timer feature - As the colors of the rainbow change, kids get a visual reminder that can help morning and bedtime routines stay on track
- This item costs \$29.99 and will ship on Nov 20th (Hmmm...)



Echo Buds



- Amazon's new ear buds are called "Echo Buds"
- Echo Buds offer up to 5 hrs music playback per charge, up to 2 hrs with a 15-min quick charge, and up to 20 hrs with the charging case
- It uses Bose's Active Noise Reduction technology
- It works hands-free with Alexa to stream music, play Audible audiobooks, make calls, or get directions



Echo Buds

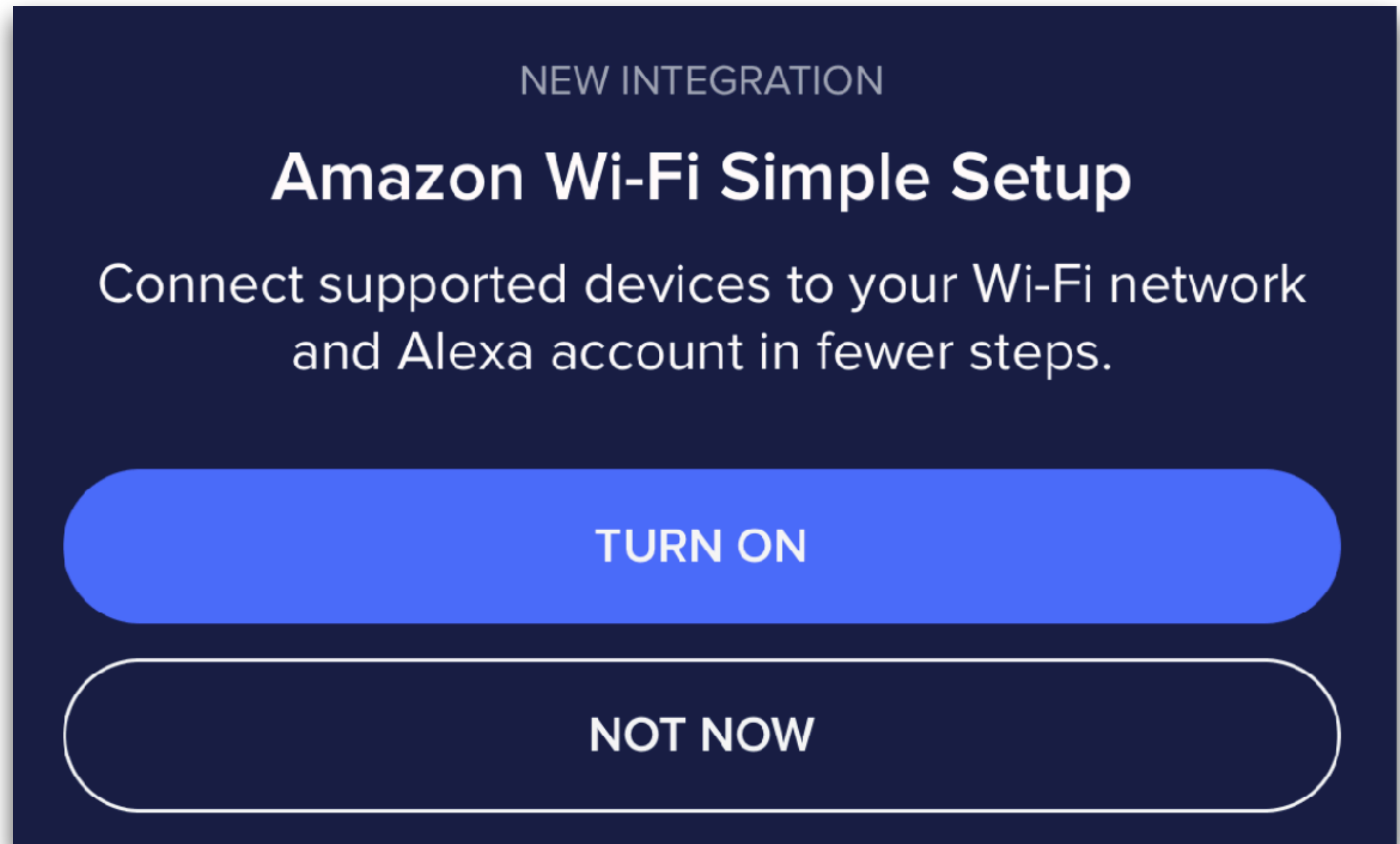


- They are a natural competitor to Apple's AirPods
- They even support access to Siri or Google Assistant from a supported device - just press and hold your earbud.
- They are built with multiple layers of privacy protections
- You mute the mics with the Alexa app
- They cost \$129 and are shipping now



Eero Mesh Routers

- Eero was acquired by Amazon at the beginning of the year and this is their first new Eero product since then
- It is a dual-band system with 2 ethernet ports on each device
- They are available today starting at \$99.99 (3 for \$249)
- The existing Eero Pro is a tri-band mesh system and currently sells for \$199 (3 for \$500)
- Alexa integration is now available for all Eero routers so you can control settings and turn on/off guest Wi-Fi with your voice





Amazon Smart Oven

- Amazon introduced an Alexa-enabled microwave last year and now introduces an Amazon Smart Oven
- It's a 4-in-1: Convection oven, microwave, air fryer, and food warmer and is large enough to cook a 5-pound chicken
- It includes 30+ built-in presets with Alexa voice control through a compatible Echo device
- With Announcements, Alexa can notify you when the oven is preheated or when your food is done



Amazon Smart Oven

- It also has a feature called “Scan-to-cook”
 - Use the Alexa app to scan bar codes on select packaged foods and Amazon Smart Oven will cook them automatically
 - So far it is supported by Whole Foods, 365, Marie Calender, and Gardein food offerings
- It has a detachable temperature probe and a trim kit is sold separately for those who prefer a built-in look
- It costs \$249.99, comes with an Echo Dot, and ships on Nov. 14th



Ring Compact Cams

- With these devices, you can see, hear and speak to people from your phone, tablet, or Echo shows
- You can watch over your entire home by connecting these devices in the Ring app and you can get notifications whenever motion is detected
- A privacy feature can be turned on to not record when you're at home
- You can get plug in or battery operated devices or indoor or outdoor use

Compare Ring Cameras



Indoor Cam



Stick Up Cam Battery



Stick Up Cam Plug-In



Stick Up Cam Solar

Price	From: \$59.99	From: \$99.99	From: \$99.99	From: \$148.99
Ratings	★★★★☆ (71)	No customer reviews yet	No customer reviews yet	No customer reviews yet
Standard power outlet	✓		✓	
Solar panel				✓
Battery pack		✓		✓
Indoor/outdoor	Indoor	Indoor/outdoor	Indoor/outdoor	Outdoor
Dimensions	1.81" x 1.81" x 2.95"	2.36" x 2.36" x 3.82"	2.36" x 2.36" x 3.82"	2.36" x 2.36" x 3.82"
Field of view	115° horizontal, 60° vertical	110° horizontal, 57° vertical	110° horizontal, 57° vertical	110° horizontal, 57° vertical
Average install time	5 minutes	5-10 minutes	5-10 minutes	5-15 minutes
Wi-Fi connectivity	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz
Live video	✓	✓	✓	✓
Two-way talk	✓	✓	✓	✓
Night vision	✓	✓	✓	✓
Motion notifications	✓	✓	✓	✓



Echo Frames

- Amazon is also introducing a “Day 1 Editions” Echo Frames - Eyeglasses with Alexa built in
- Day 1 Editions are basically beta test hardware to get feedback from selected customers
- The glasses weigh 31 grams and can be available with prescriptions if needed
- Echo Frames are not currently compatible with iOS smartphones
- They cost \$180 (\$250 after an introductory period) and are available thru invitation only



Echo Loop

- Another Day 1 Edition (Beta Product) is the Echo Loop
- Echo Loop is a ring with Alexa with an all-day battery life
- You can do anything with Alexa (Make calls, ask questions, ...)
- It is water resistant, but not recommended in the shower or swimming (Problematic)
- The titanium frame has two built-in microphones and a built-in vibrating motor for haptic feedback
- It will sell for \$129.99 and also requires an invite to purchase



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Apple News!



Apple News



- According to Newsweek, a Russian man is suing Apple on the allegation that the cryptocurrency app GayCoins turned him gay
- The Amazon Music app is now available on the Apple TV
 - You can play and search for music, access all purchased and imported tunes in the My Music library, and also follow along with scrolling lyrics
 - This works for both Amazon Prime and Amazon Music subscriptions



Apple News



- Spotify has also added an app for the Apple TV
- The Apple TV app is now available on Roku, and beginning November 1st, Roku users will be able to access Apple TV+ (Might not be available on some older Roku's)
- On Monday, Apple announced the newest version of AirPods - The AirPods Pro cost \$249 (Details next presentation)
- Also Monday, Apple released iOS 13.2 releases for iOS, HomePod, iPadOS, and tvOS, and Tuesday, macOS 10.15.1 & watchOS 6.1 (can now be loaded on the Apple Watch Series 1 and Series 2)



- Apple is running a promotion for Apple TV+ that provides a one-year free subscription if you buy:
 - A new iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Apple TV, or Mac after September 10th from Apple or an Apple authorized reseller
- The free trial starts November 1st when Apple TV+ launches
- Here are the steps you will need to take to activate your free year of the streaming service:



- Ensure you have the latest update installed
- Turn on your new Apple device, and sign in with your Apple ID and open the Apple TV app
- The offer should immediately present itself
- Tap “Enjoy 1 Year Free” and enter your Apple ID password
- Once completed, your Apple TV+ subscription will be available and you can stream away



Halloween Support Group

Quick Tips





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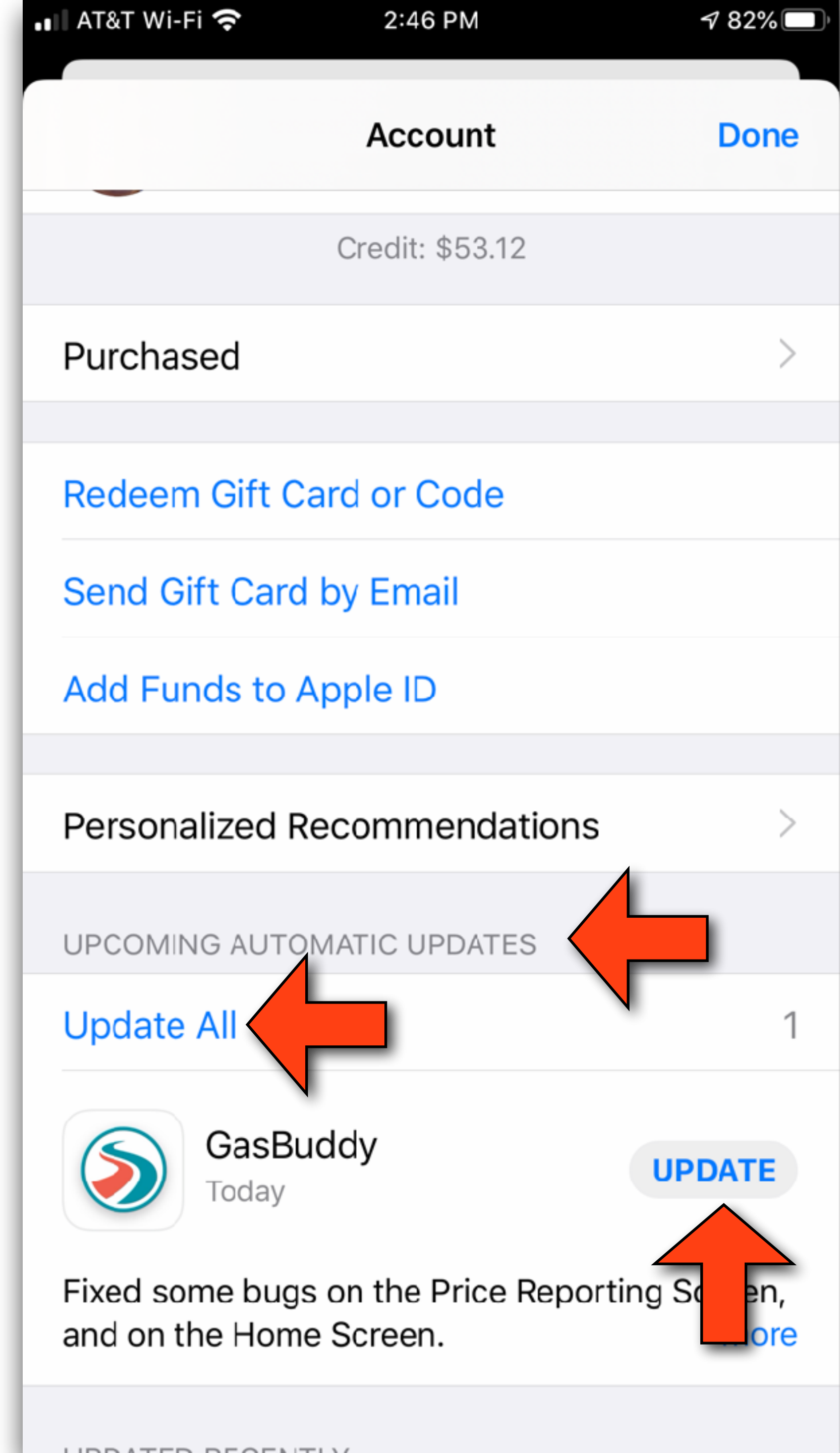
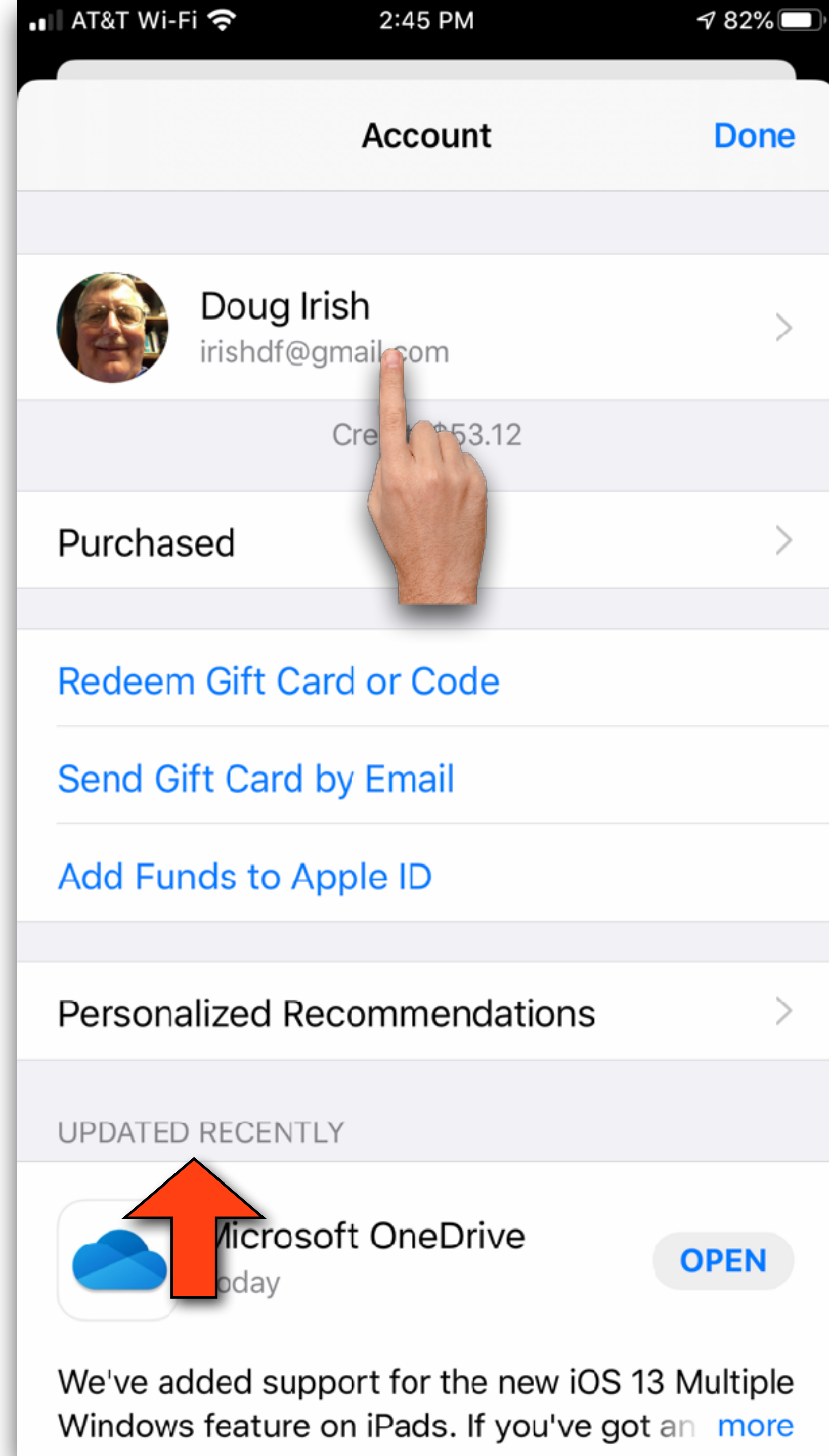
- Apple Watch tip on watchOS 6: if you hold your two fingers on your screen and remove them, it will say the time to you
- tvOS 13 tip: Your Apple TV no longer wakes when you touch the Touch Pad
- You now have to hit the menu or home button
- This was implemented so you didn't accidentally start the Apple TV when you moved the remote
- This was a pain in the neck so bravo!!



Quick Tips



- With iOS 13, the app store app no longer has an update button at the bottom of the screen
- To update apps, you must hit the picture or icon in the upper left hand corner and go to account settings
- Once you're in account settings, just pull down on the screen to refresh it, and any apps that can be updated will be shown at the bottom
- At this point, you can tap “upgrade all”, or you can upgrade each app individually

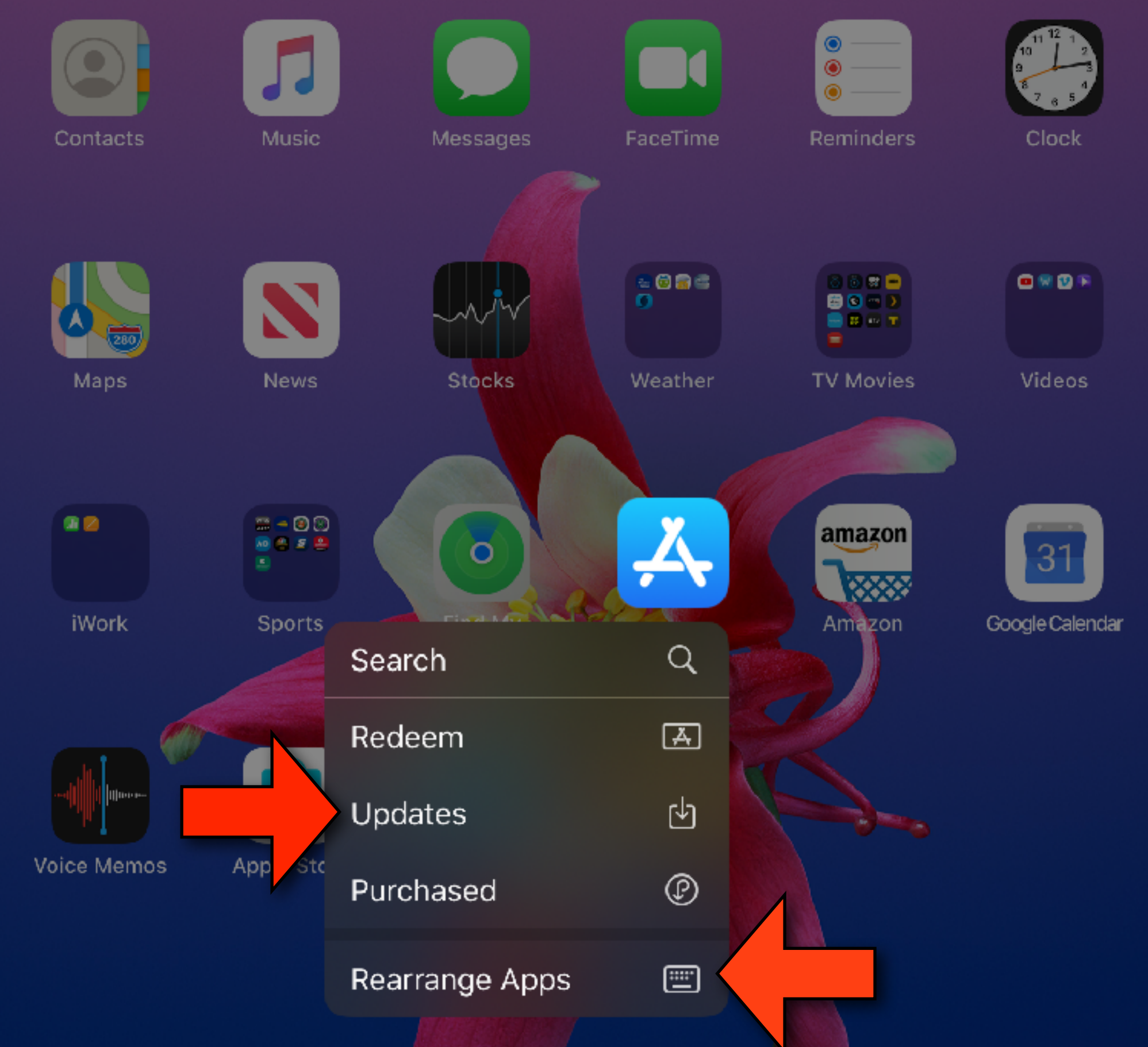




Quick Tips



- Now you can long touch on an app icon: Lightly touch and hold (do not press or tap)
- When you do this, the app can provide some shortcuts
- For example if you long press the camera app you get these options: Record slo-mo, Take Portrait, Record Video, or Take Selfie
- This will be different for each app, depending on developer
- Note: For all apps, you get the option to rearrange apps (Jiggly mode)



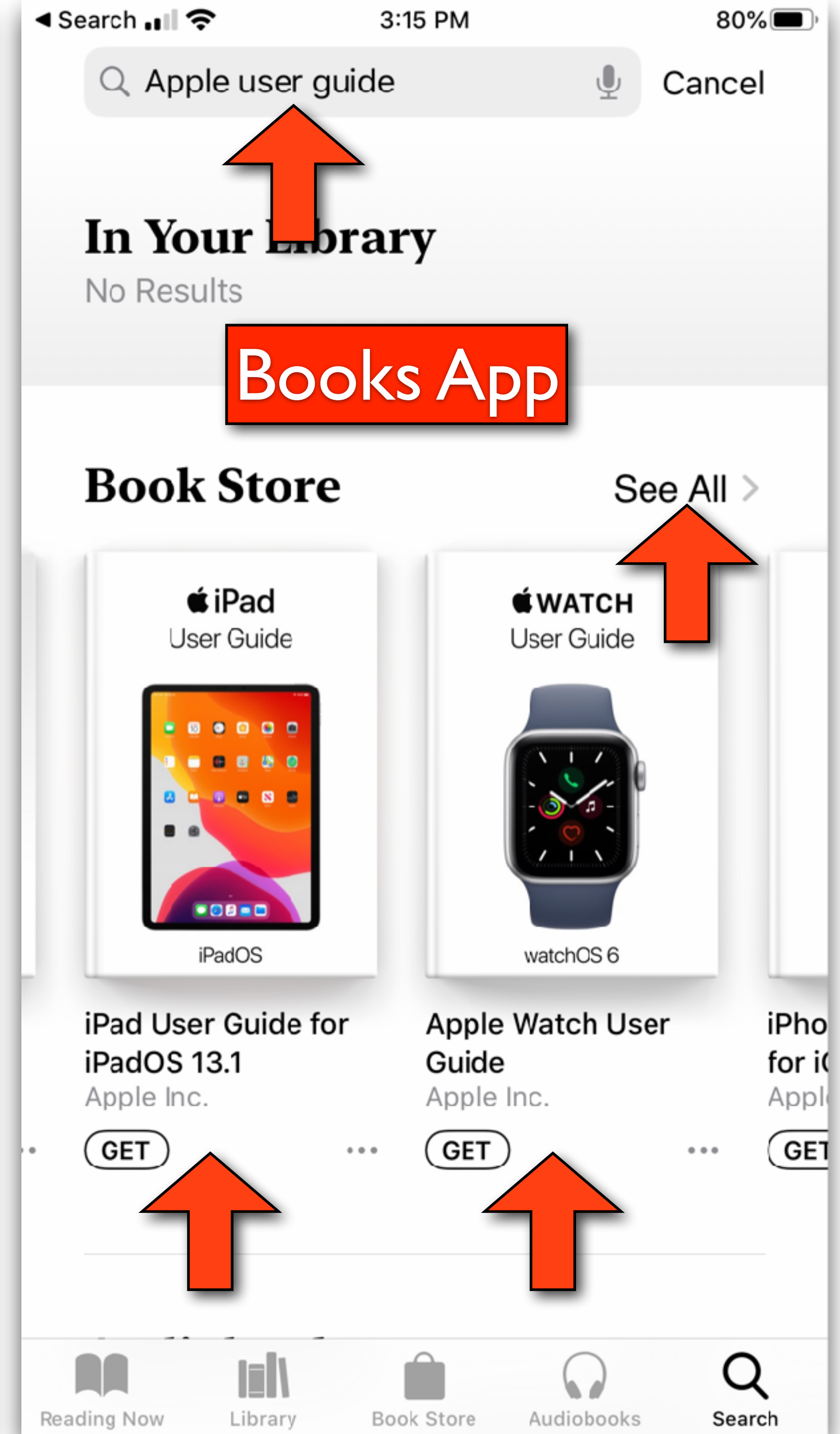
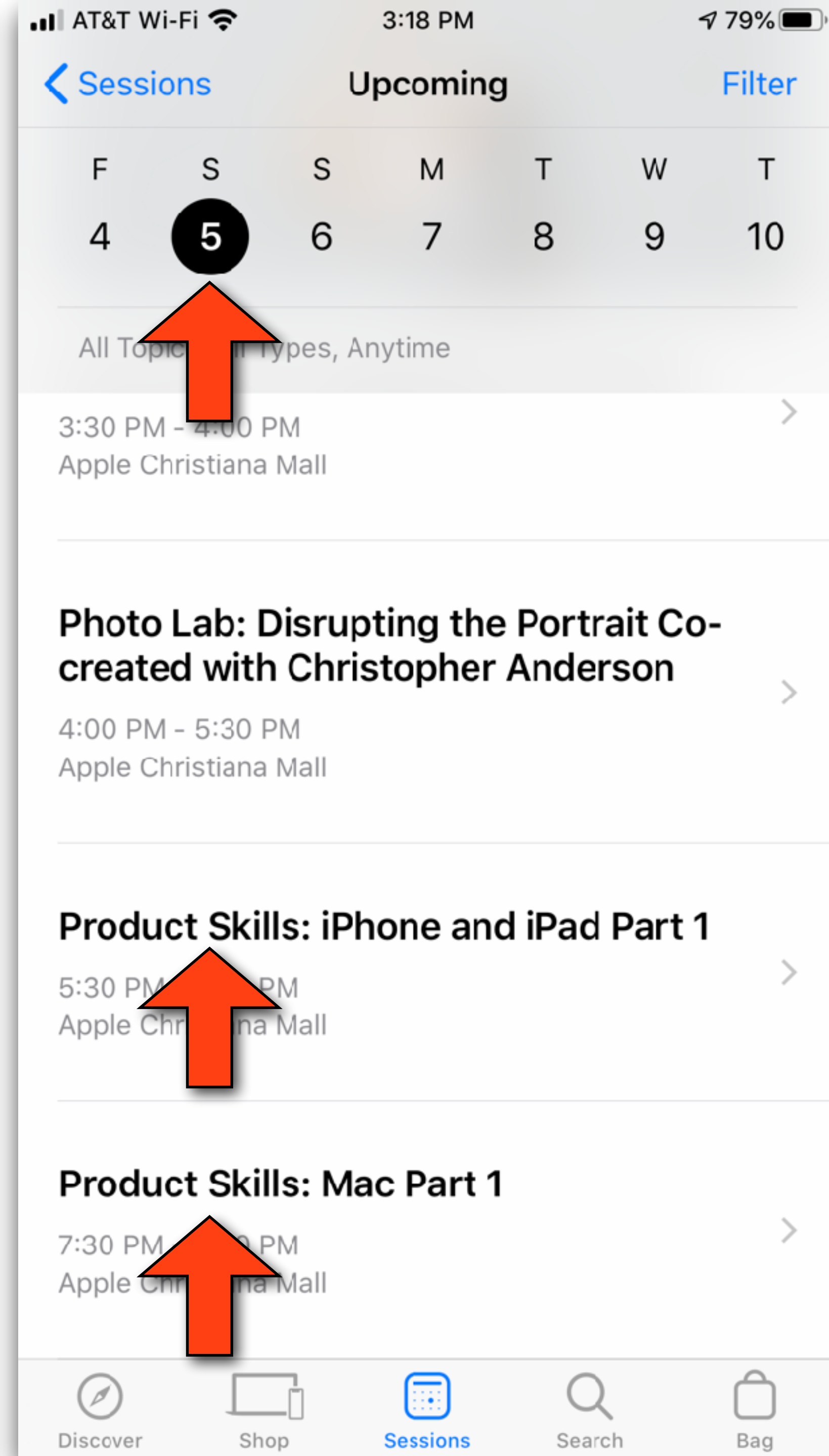
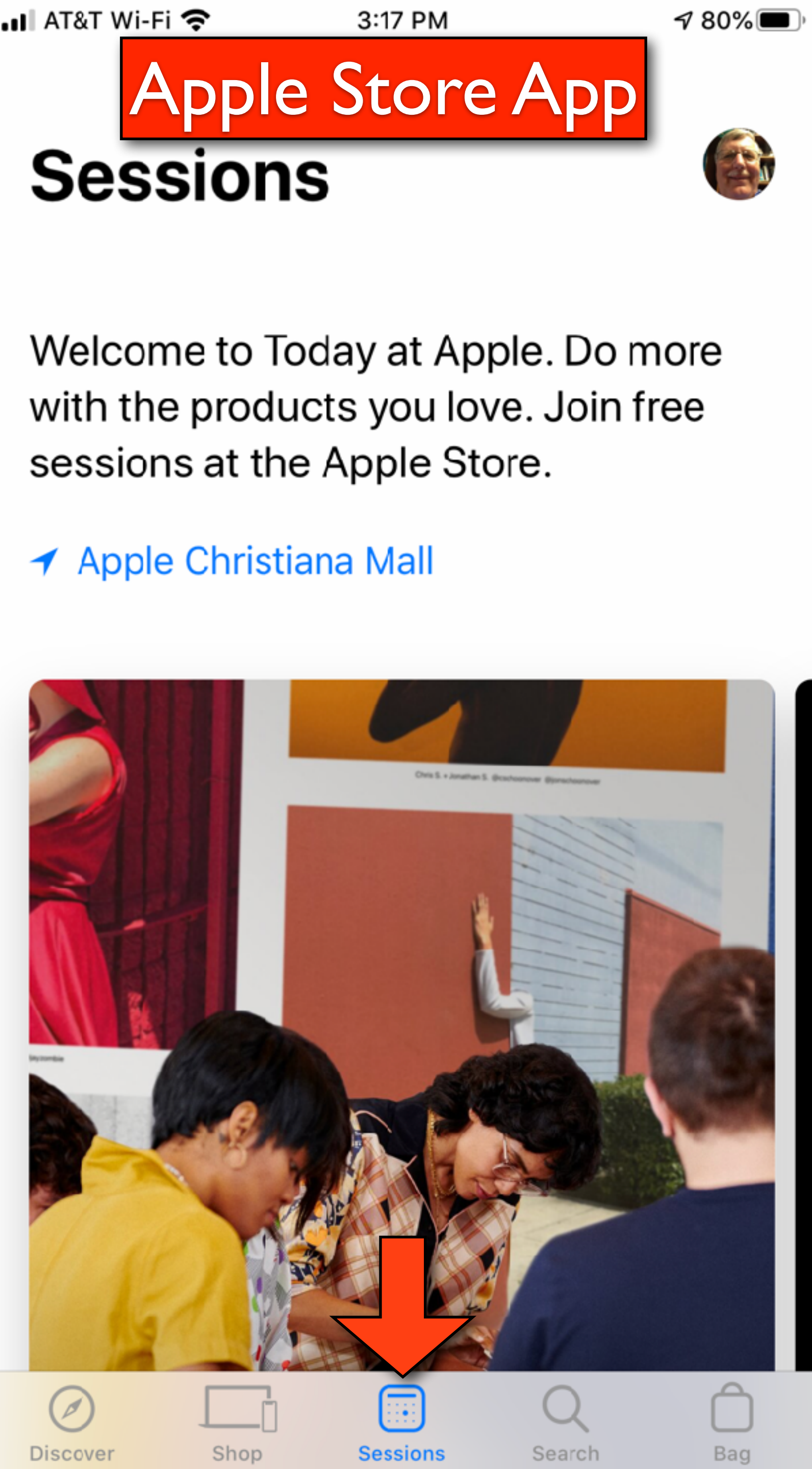


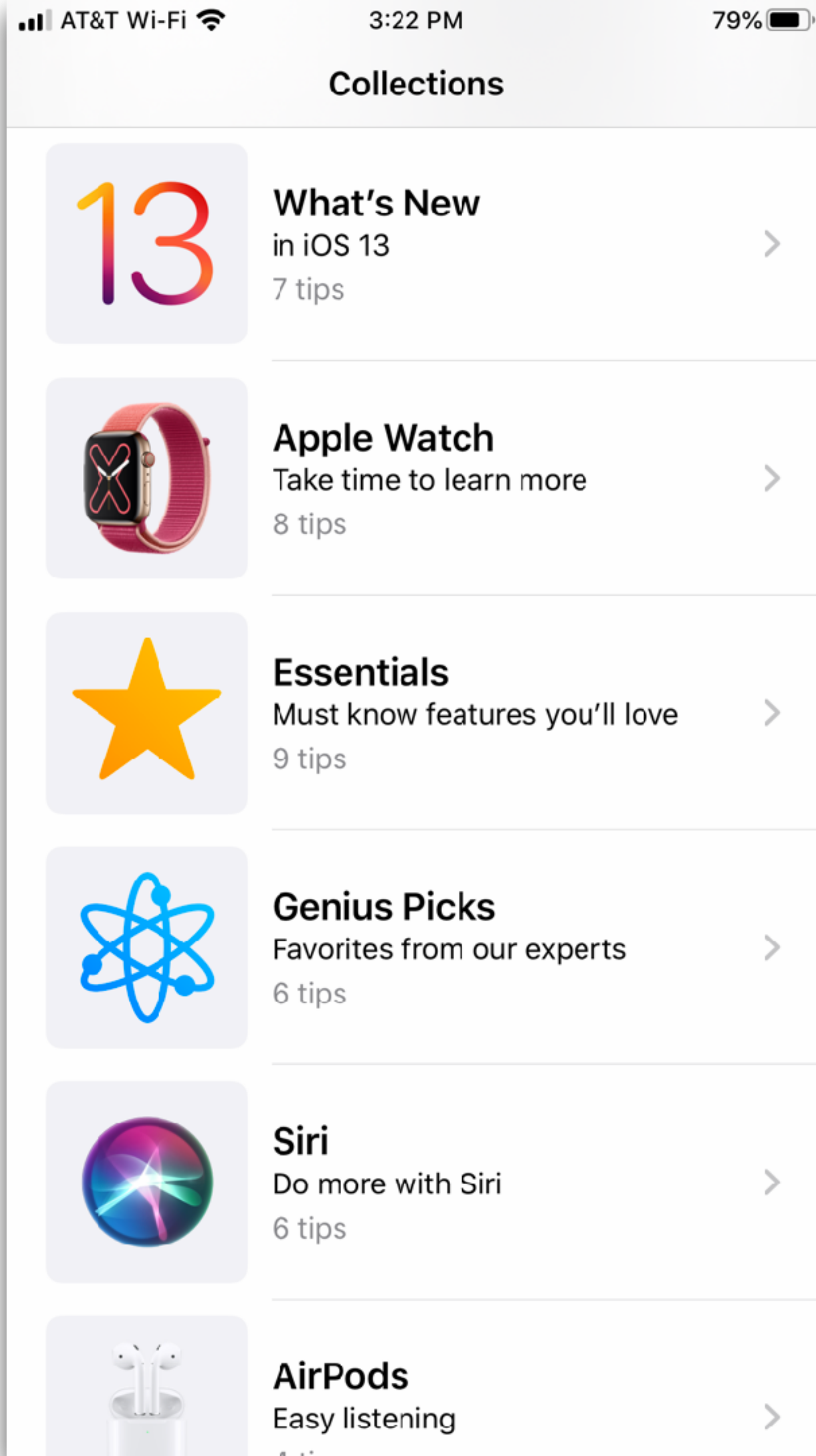


Apple Sources



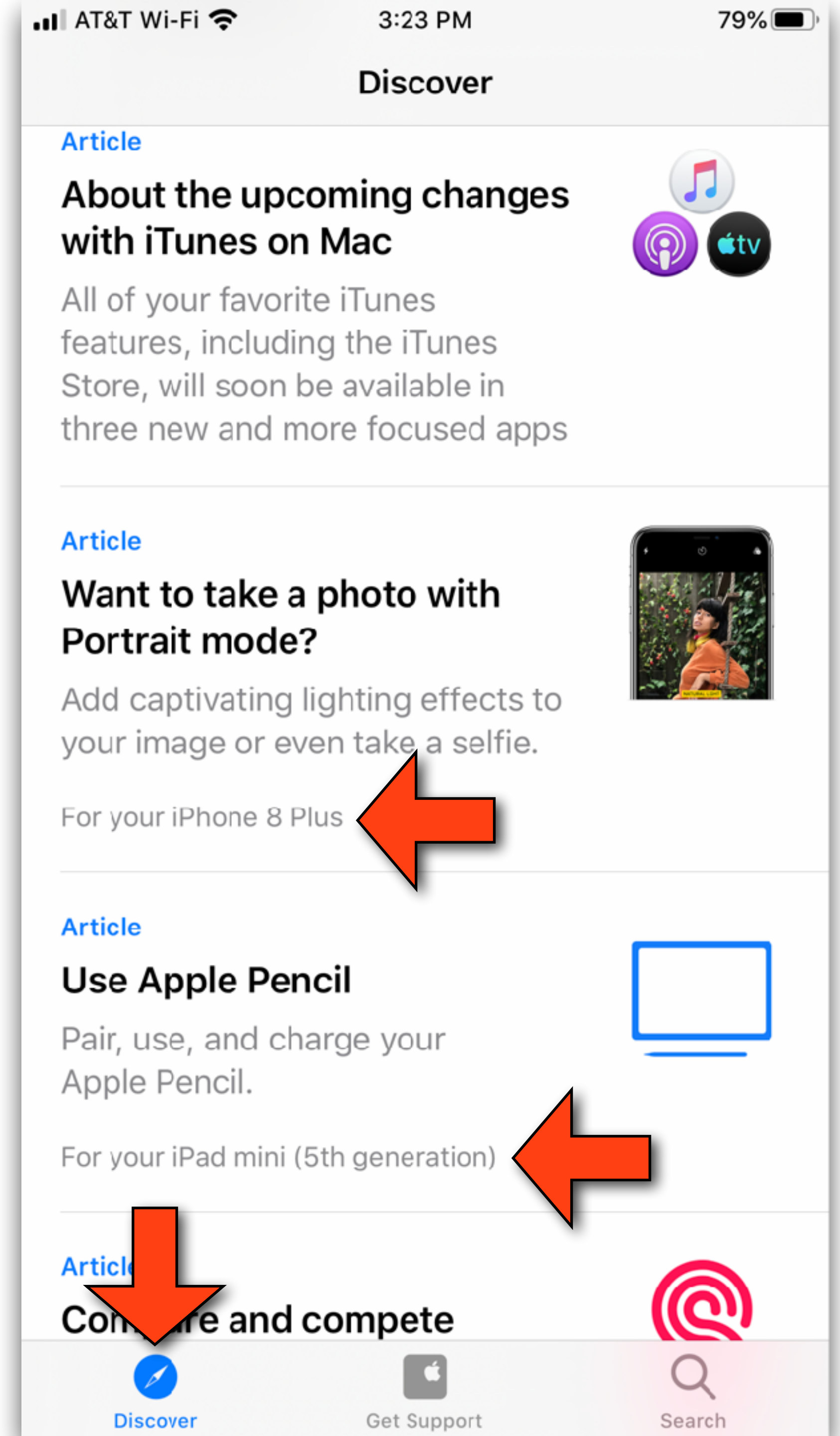
- Having a new device or OS can be a bit overwhelming, but Apple provides several ways to learn about your devices:
 - Apple Store
 - Ad Hoc questions (Free)
 - Training Sessions (Free) - Look in Apple Store app or on-line
 - Genius Bar (May be a fee depending on issue)
 - Apple provides user manuals in the Books app
 - Apple provides two very useful apps: Tips app, and The Apple Support app





← Tips App

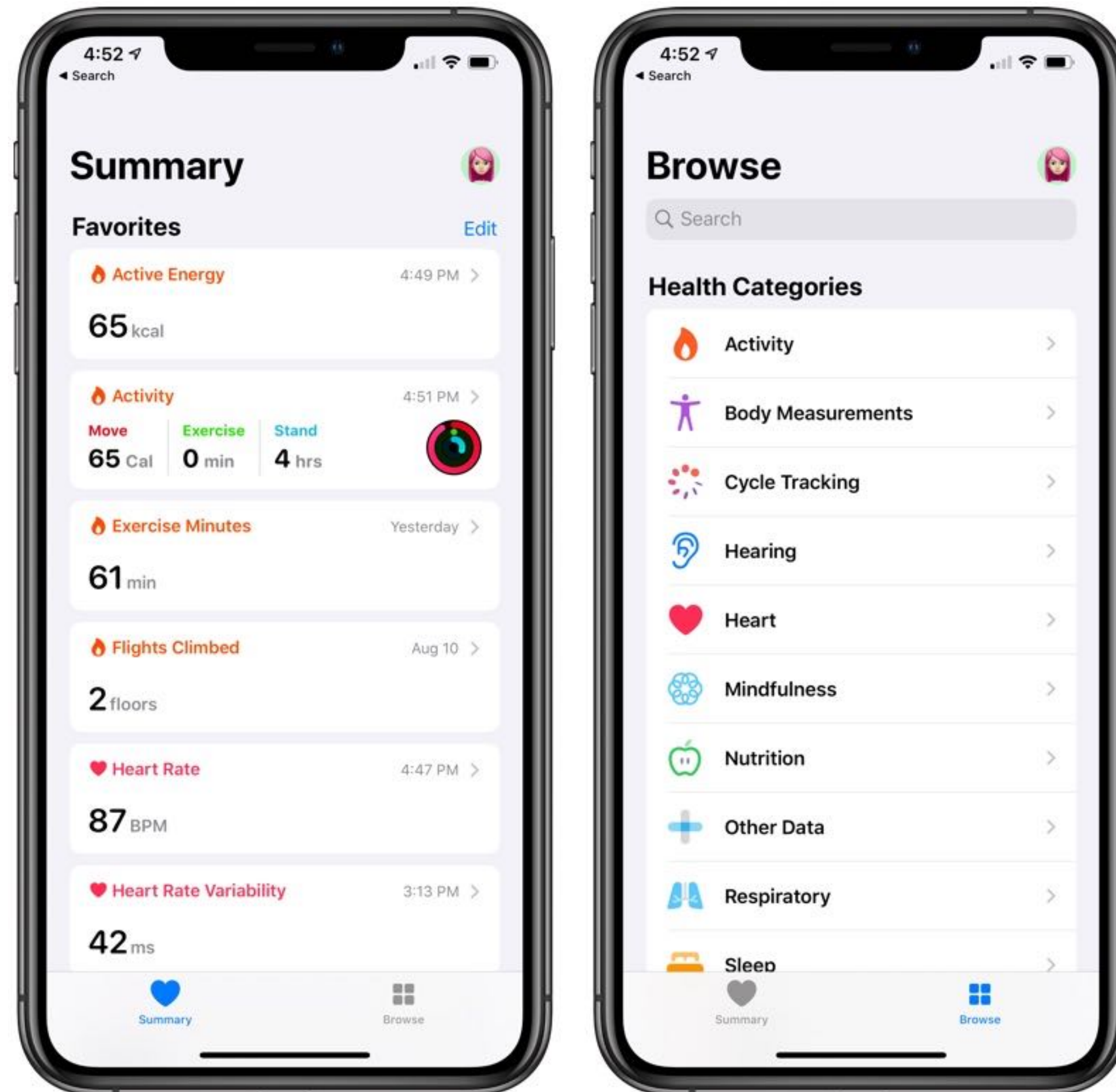
Apple Support App →





The most scary of all the
carved pumpkins.

Health App



Health App

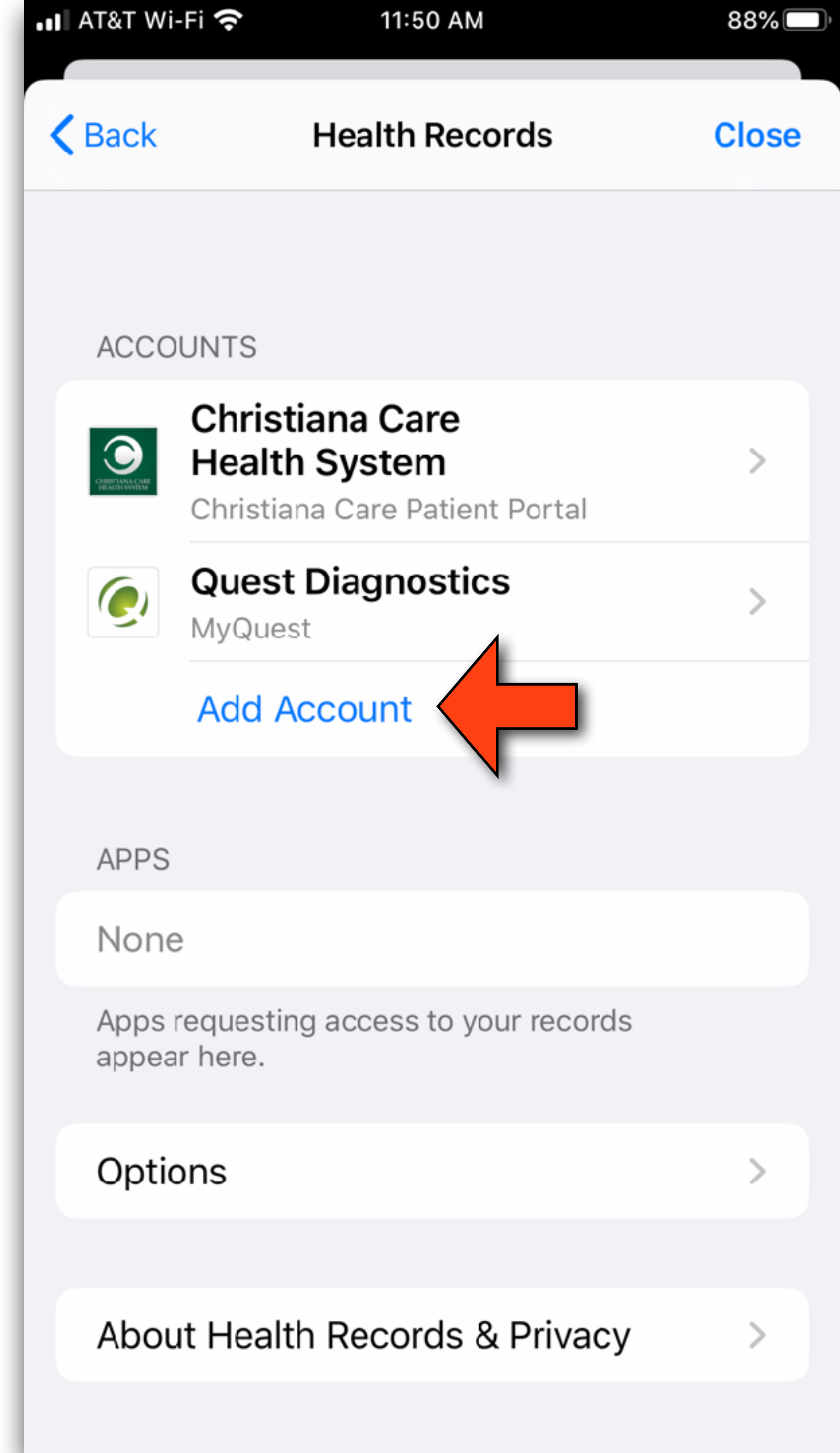
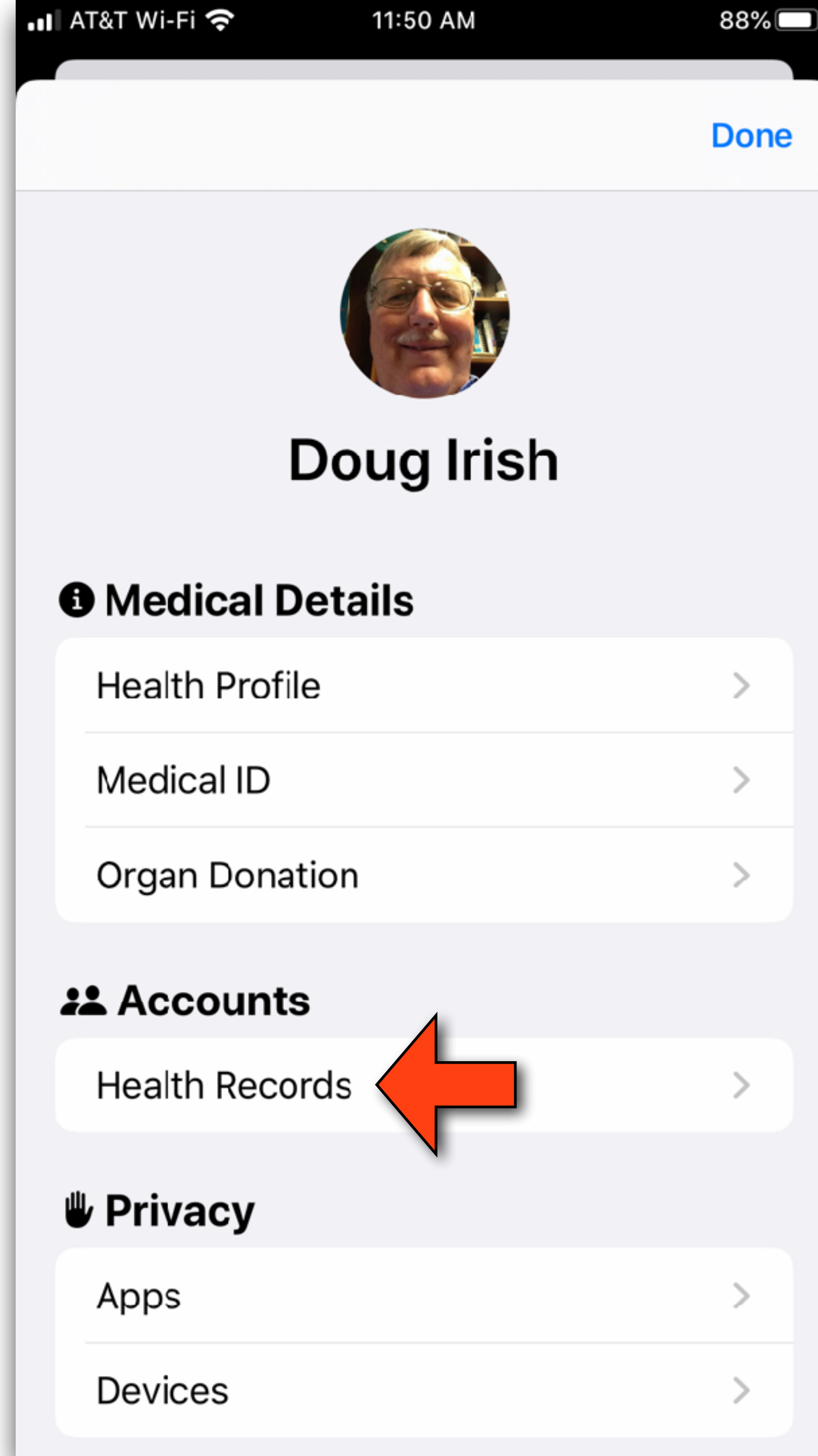
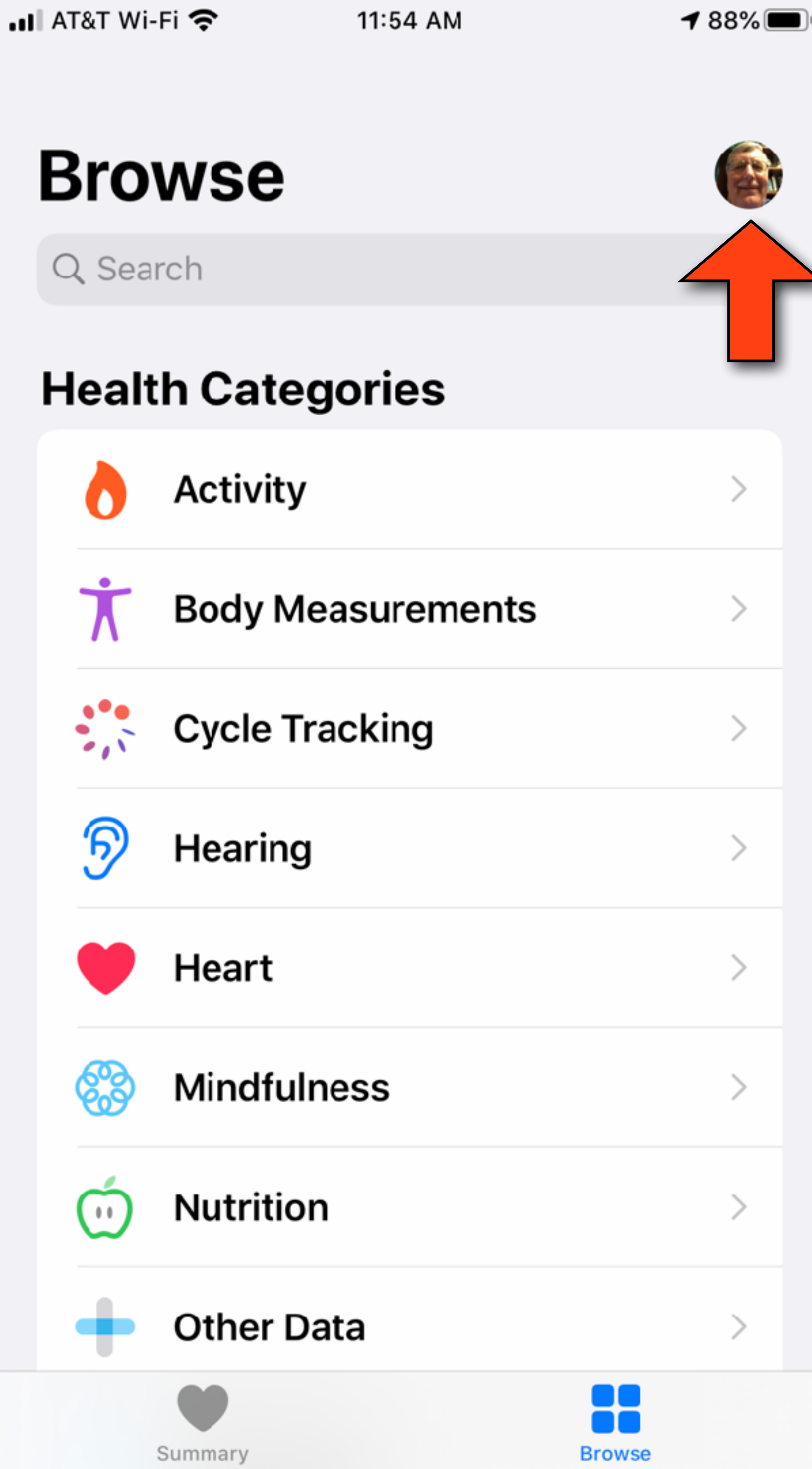


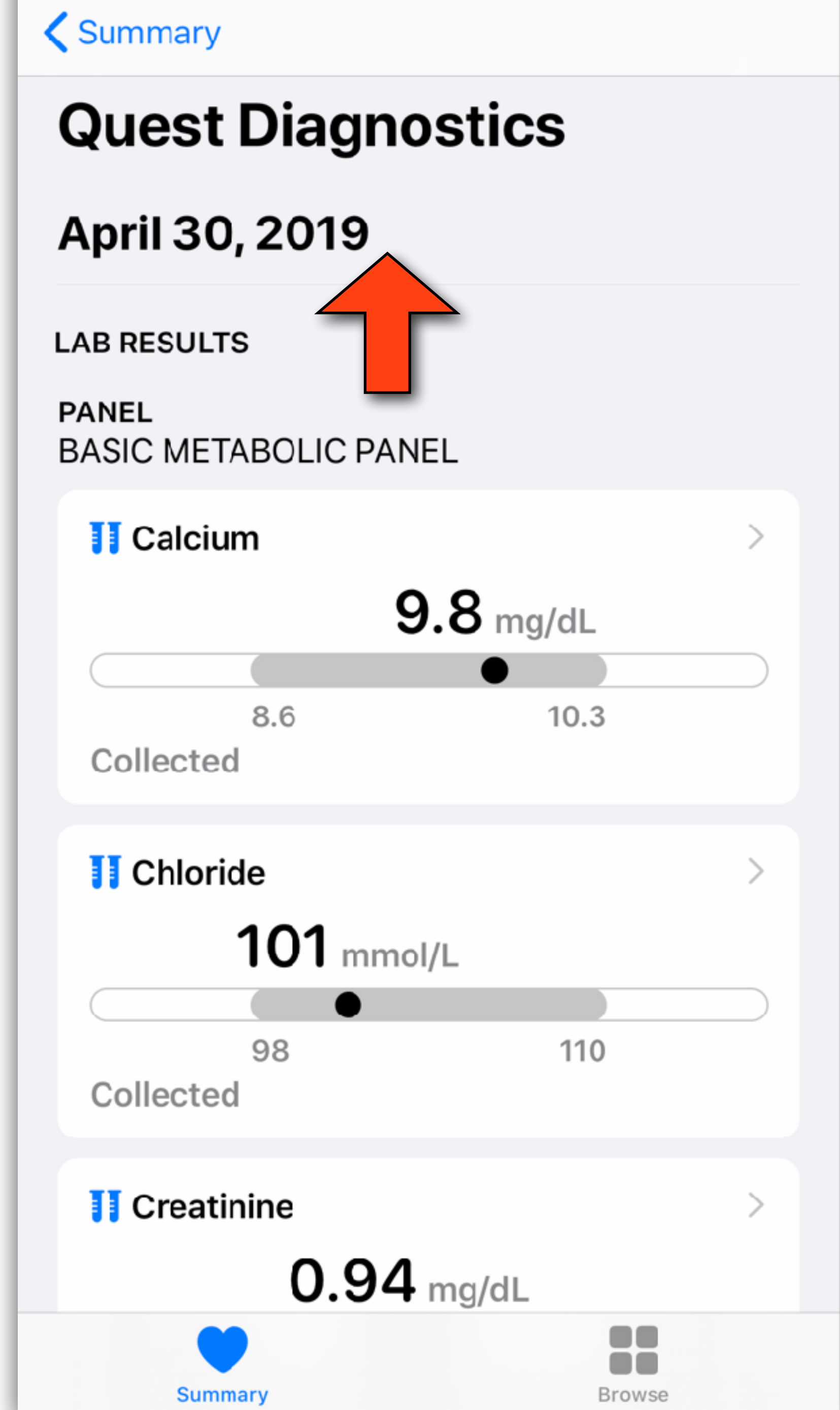
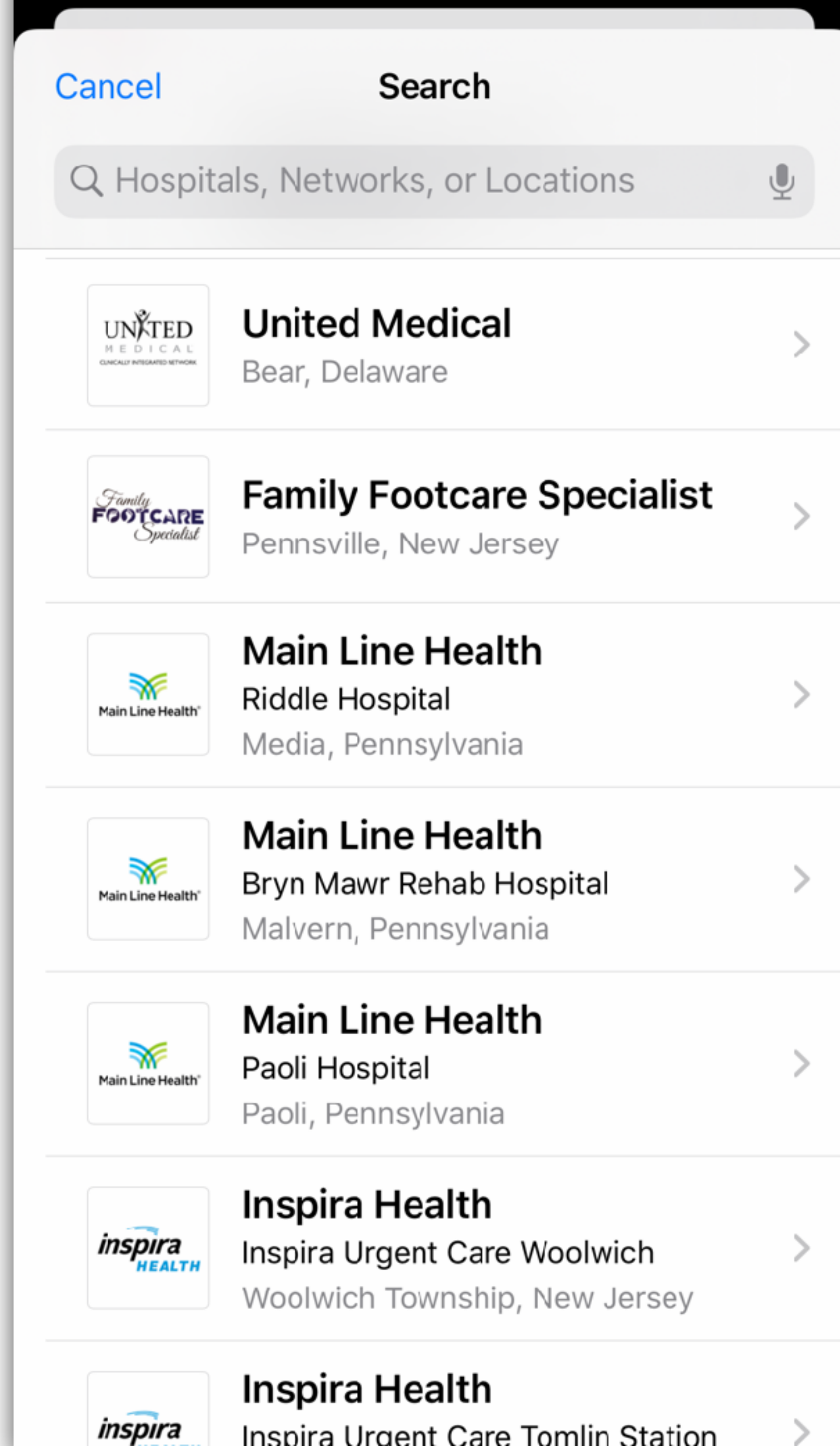
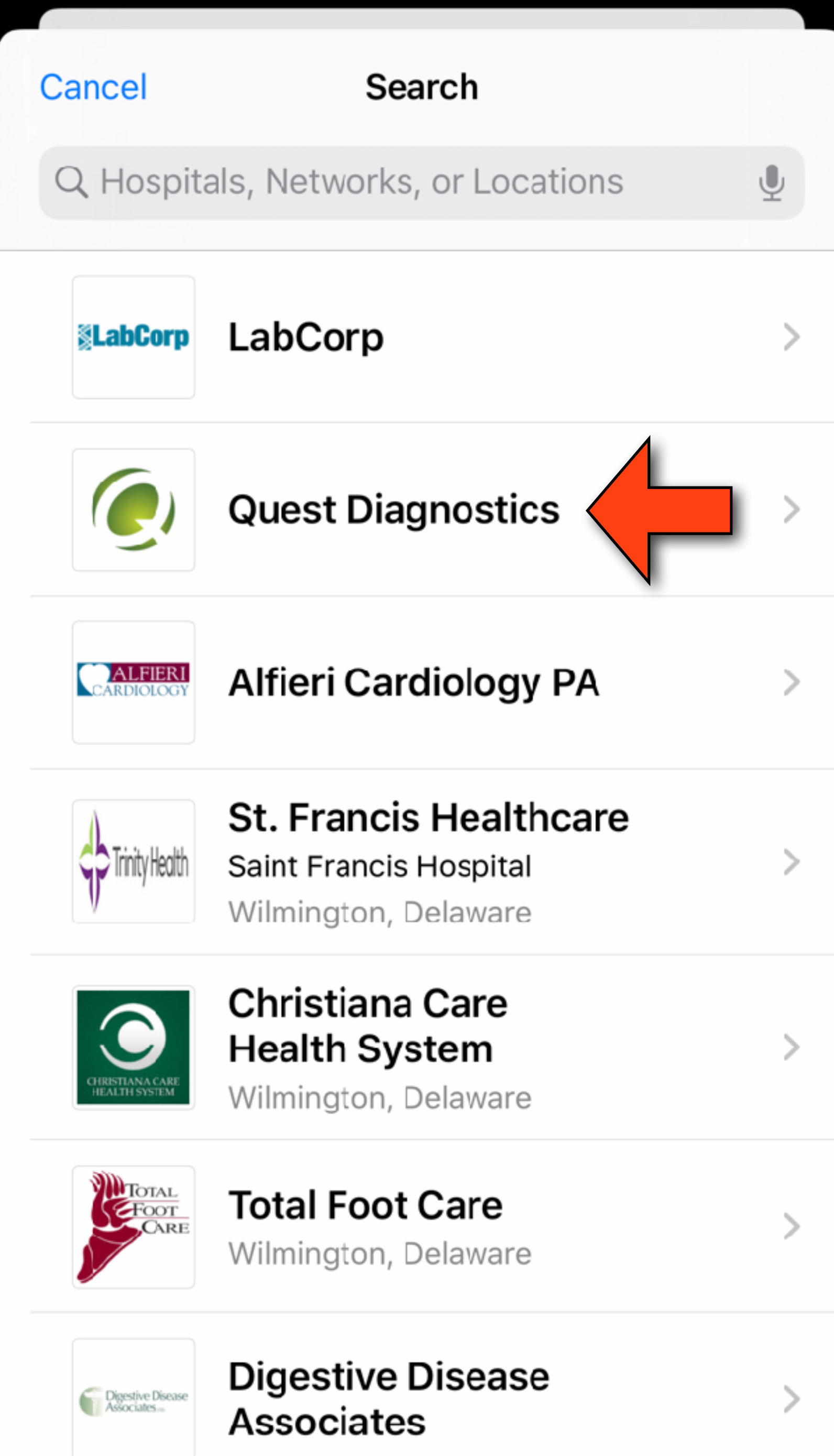
- While I was at the Apple store this month, I notice a session being taught called “Health and Fitness Skills: Getting Started with the Health App”
- In this session, they teach you to set up your medical ID, connect with other health related apps, and how to connect to your health organizations
- When connecting to health organizations was first announced, I didn’t see anything local
- However when I was watching the presentation, I noticed that this has changed

Health App



- To link an organization to the Health app:
 - Open the Health app and tap your profile picture in the upper right corner
 - Under Accounts, tap Health Records, then tap Get Started
 - To add a provider, go to Accounts, then tap Add Account
 - Search for your hospital or network, then tap it
 - Sign in to your healthcare provider's website or app (You must already have on-line login credentials)





Health App

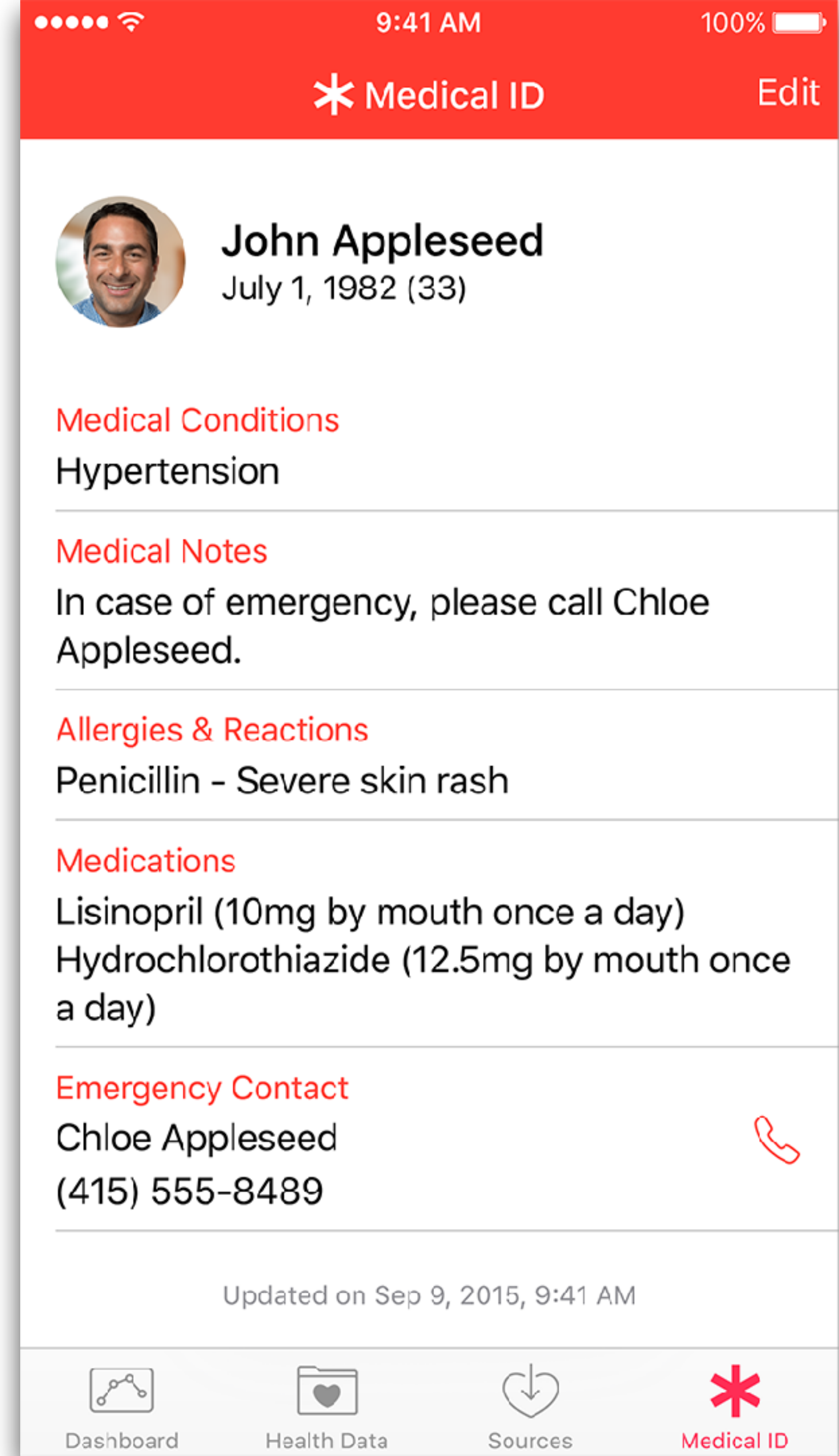
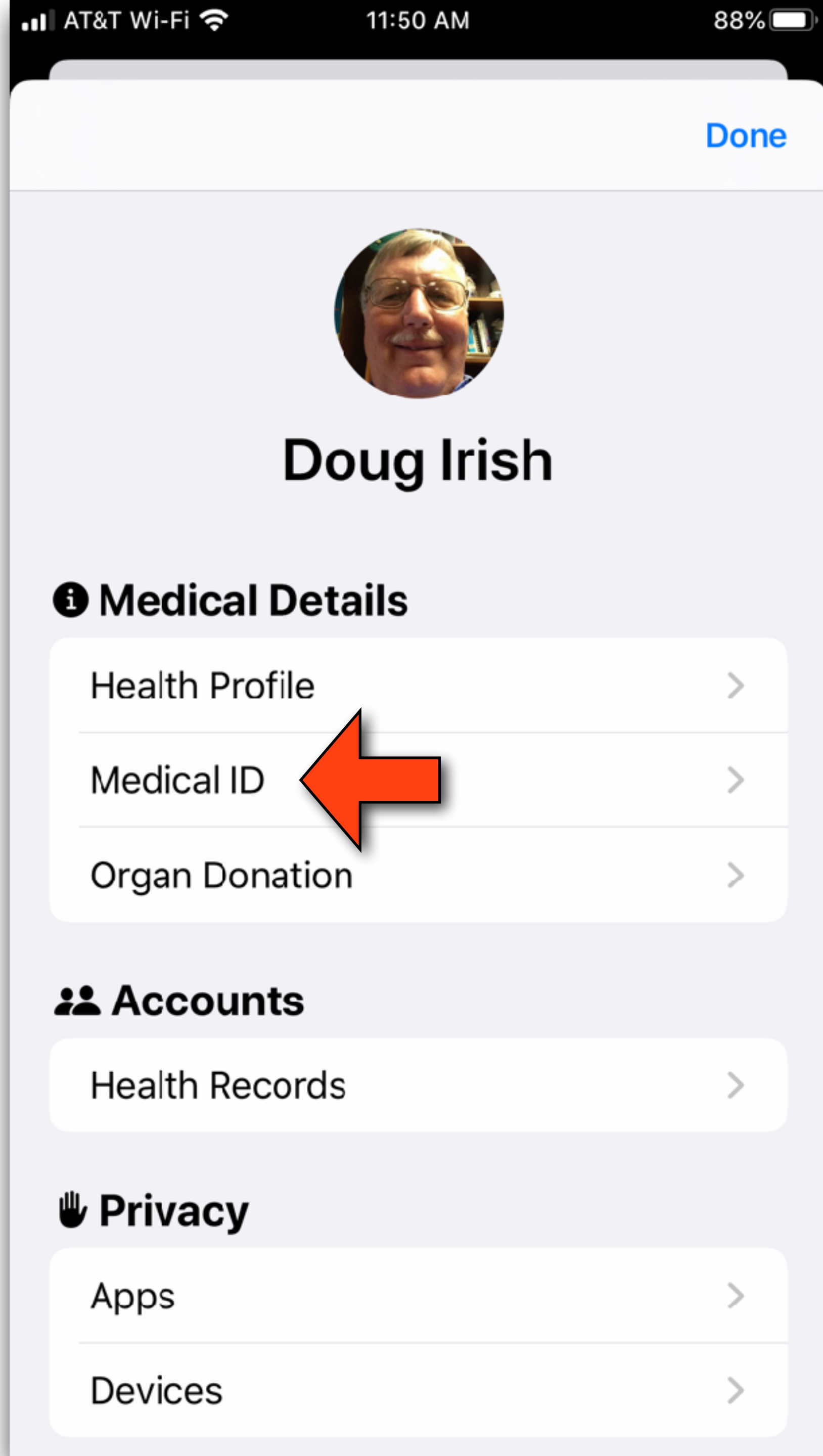


- I was able to add Christiana Care Health Systems, and Quest Diagnostics
- I now have access to:
 - Lab results
 - Immunizations
 - Medical Conditions
 - Medications
 - Clinical Vitals (Blood pressure, heart rate, weight, etc...)

Health App



- While you are in your account settings, make sure you fill out the Medical ID
- Medical ID information includes: Name, Organ Donor, Medical Conditions, Allergies, Medications, Blood Type, Weight/Height, Emergency Contacts
- To access someone else medical ID, just try to log in and when the passcode screen comes up, you'll see an emergency button
- Tap this and you'll see a medical ID button
- Emergency crews are trained to look for this information



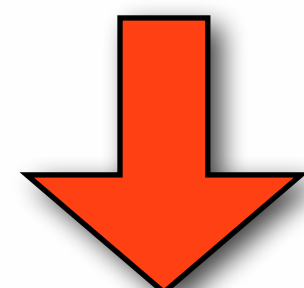
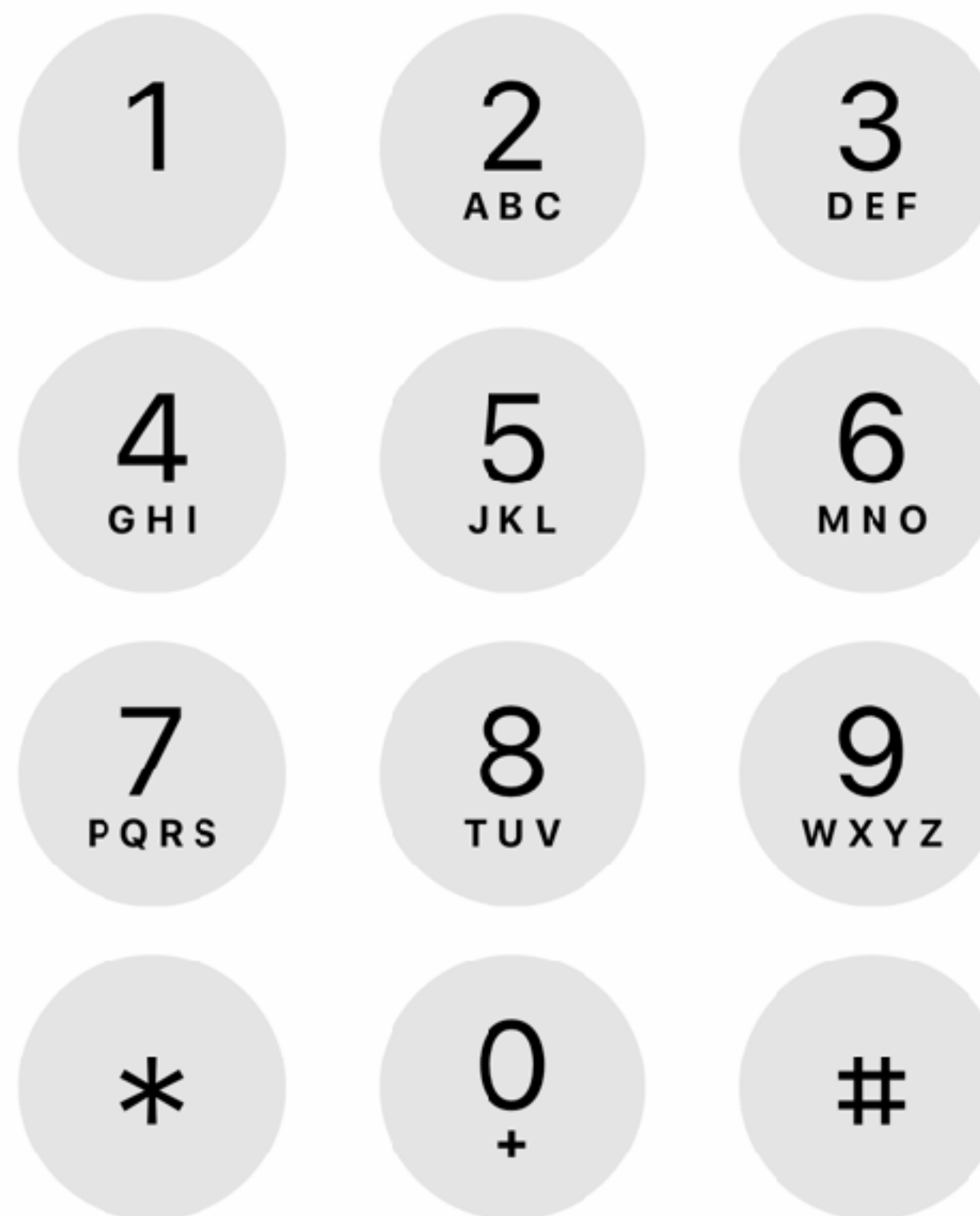
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Emergency

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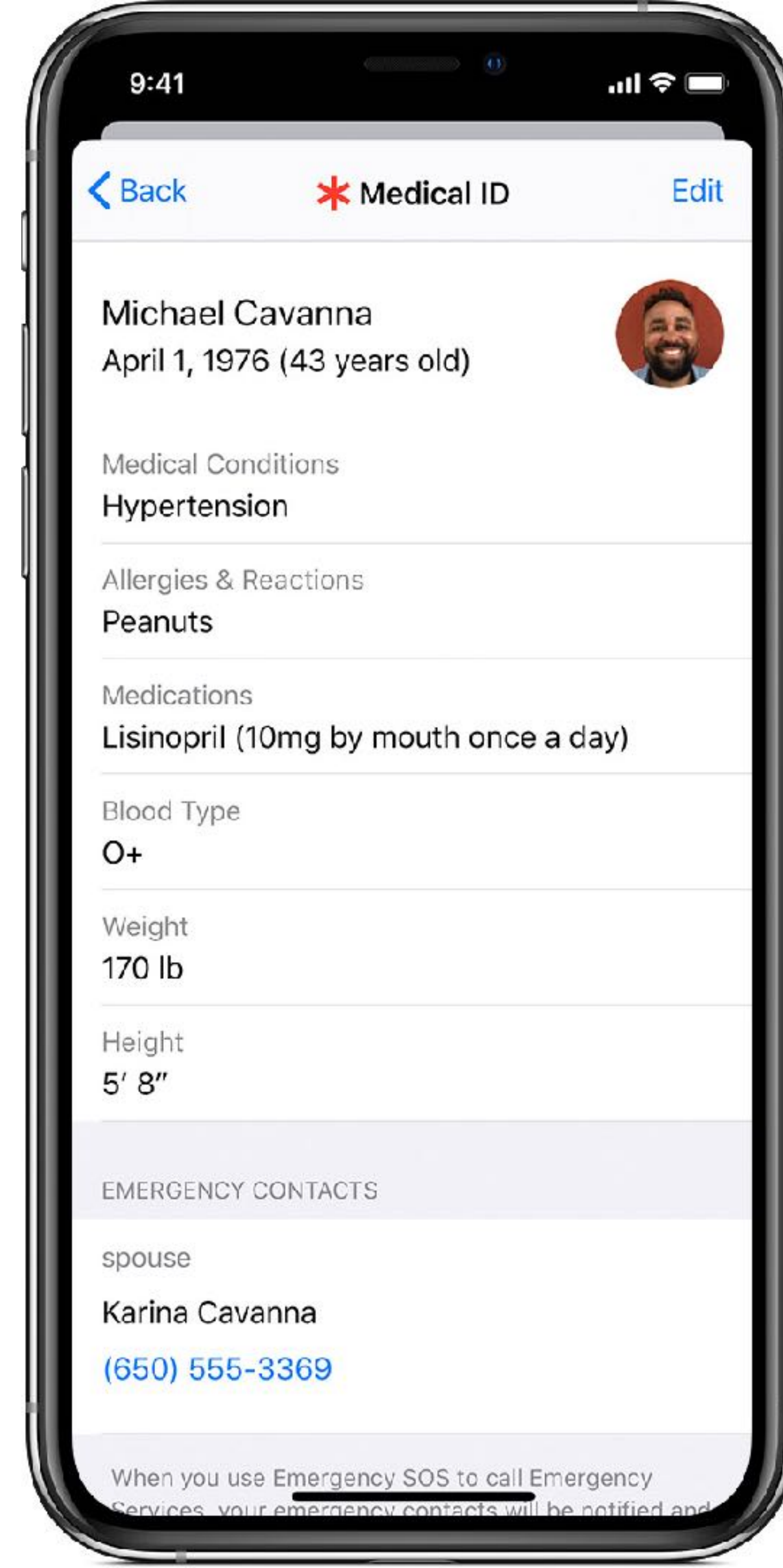
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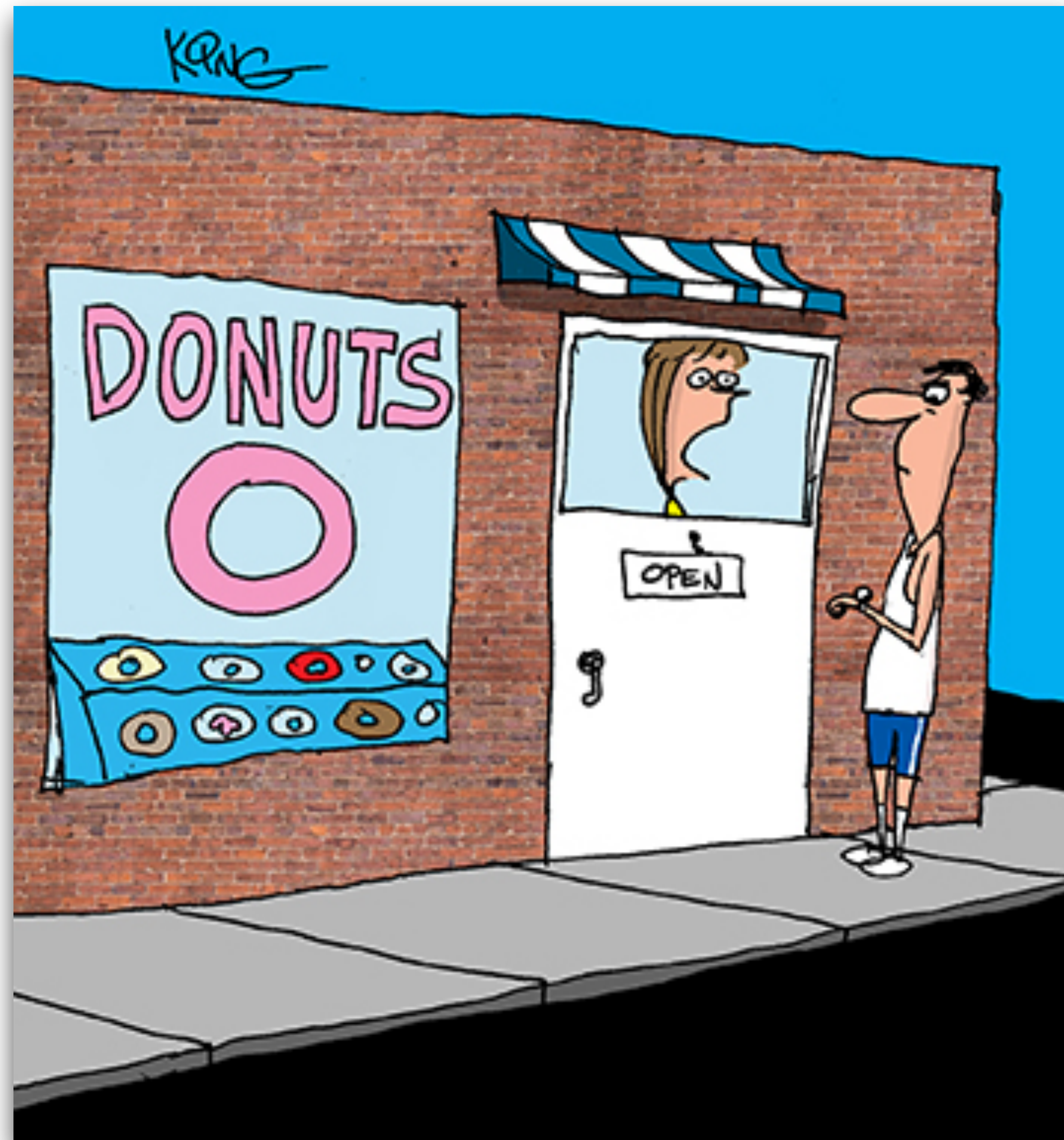


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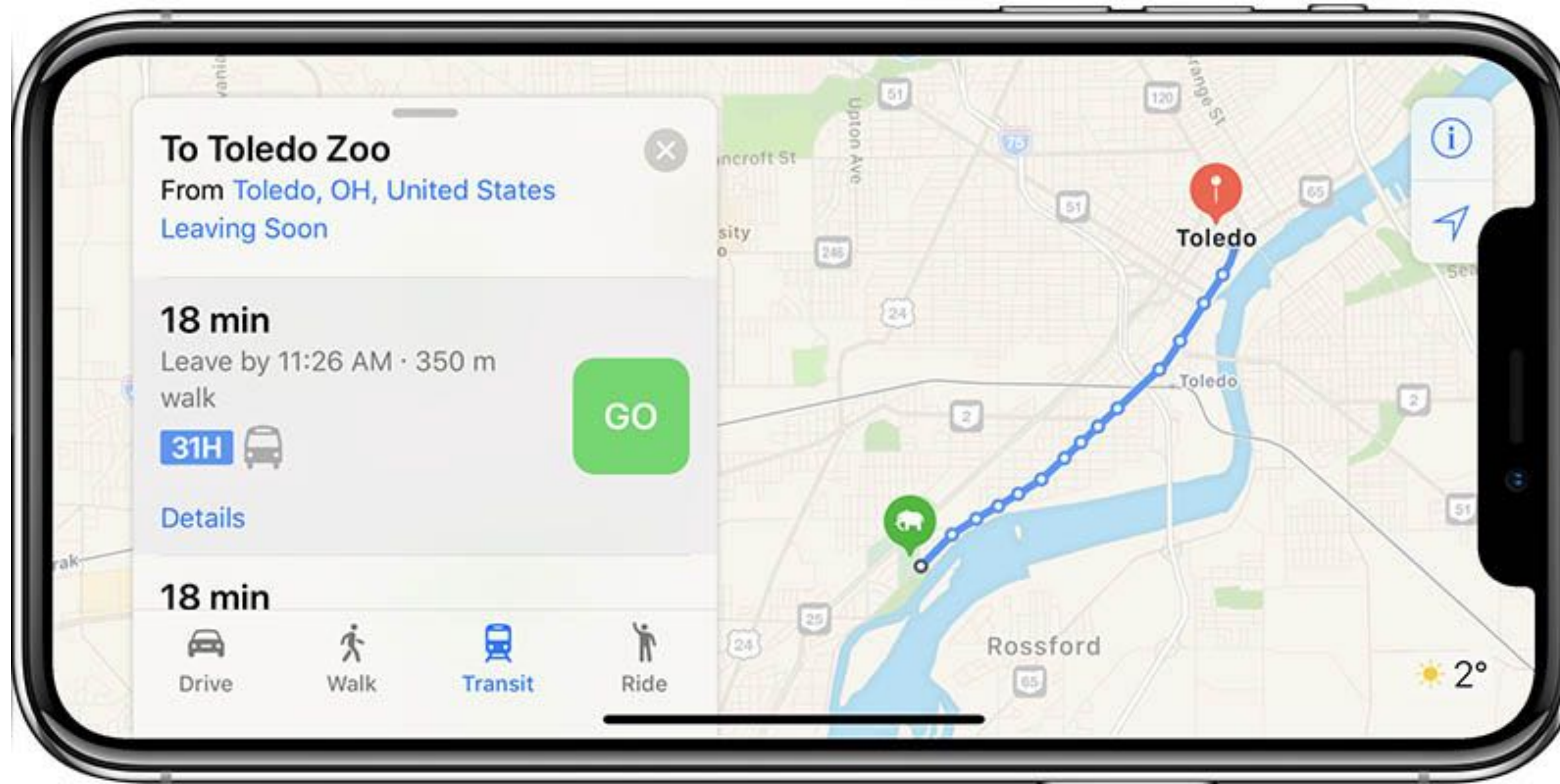
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Sorry, but your Apple watch called and asked me to not let you in for another week

Sharing Your ETA

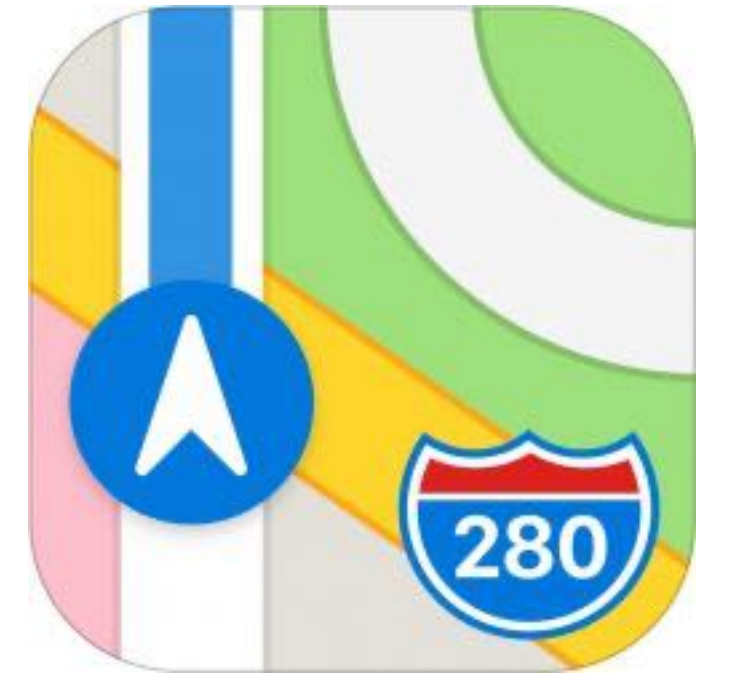


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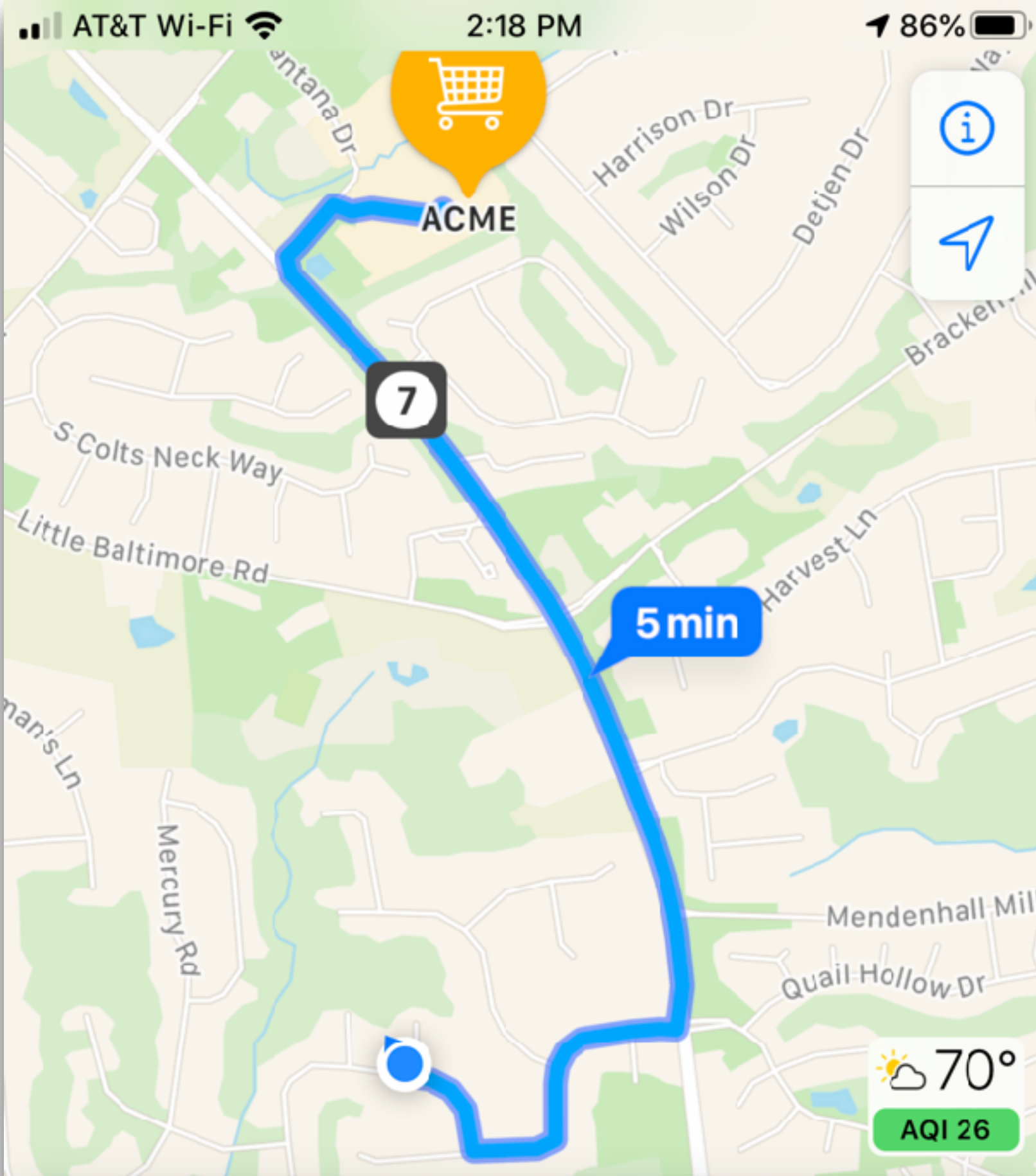


- There's a new feature in Apple Maps in iOS 13 that allows you to share your ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) with a person of your choice
- The recipient receives the address of your destination and your expected arrival time and they can track your progress in their Maps app
- The ETA updates automatically, so you can see if they hit traffic or otherwise get delayed
- The Share ETA features can be found inside the Maps app on the iPhone or as part of the CarPlay interface

Sharing Your ETA



- Here's how to Share ETA in iOS 13:
 - Start a car trip in Apple Maps and enable driving directions
 - Swipe up on the white tab at the bottom of the screen
 - Tap 'Share ETA' button and select a contact to share your live ETA (You can select more than one)
 - The person you shared with will now receive a notification on their lock screen that you are en route to your destination



To ACME
From [My Location](#)

5 min
1.8 mi · Limestone Rd
Fastest route

GO

Drive Walk Transit Ride

Start on Polaris Dr

Haileys Trail

Solar Ct
Polaris Dr

2:24 arrival
5 min
1.8

End

Share ETA

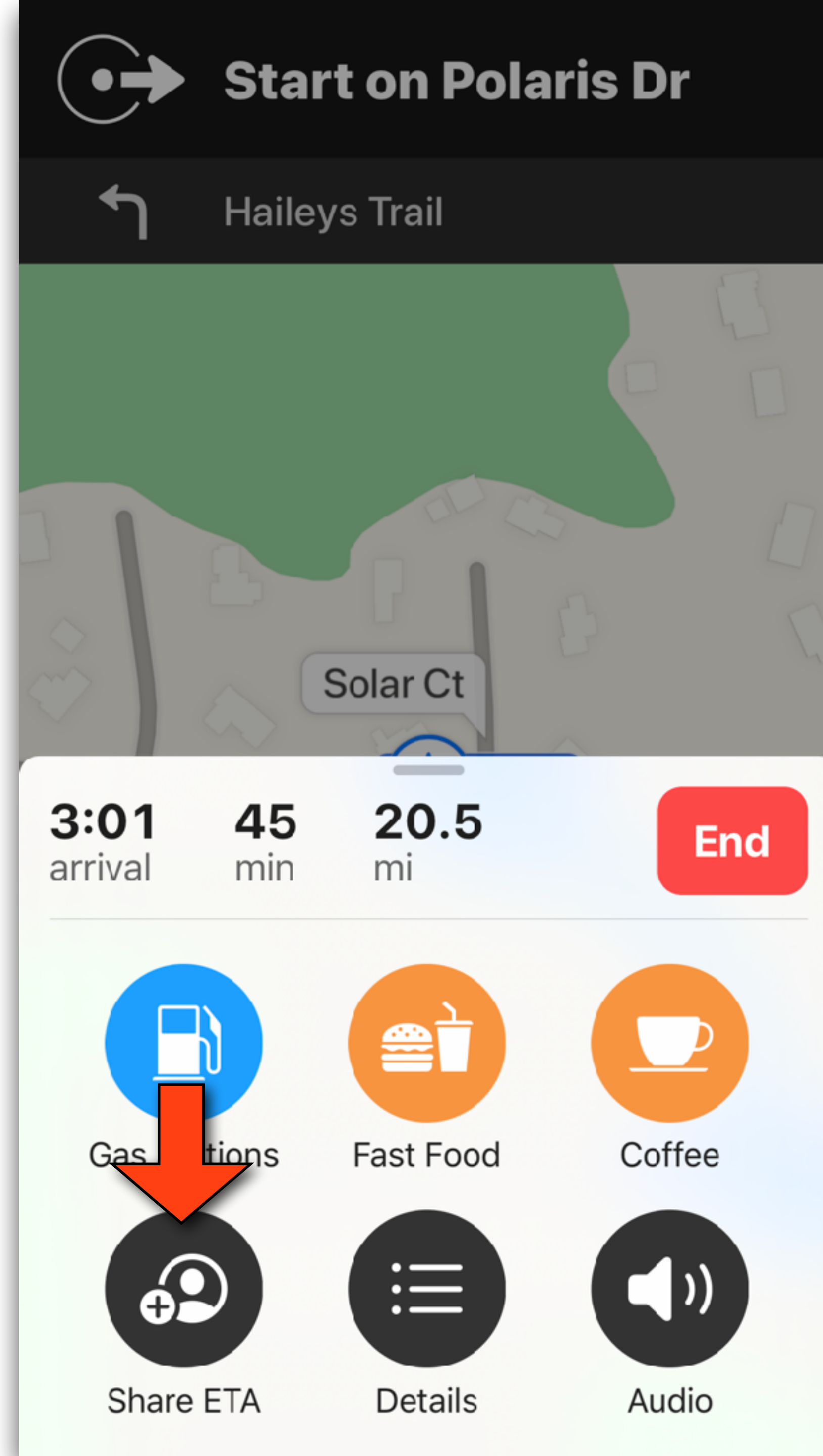
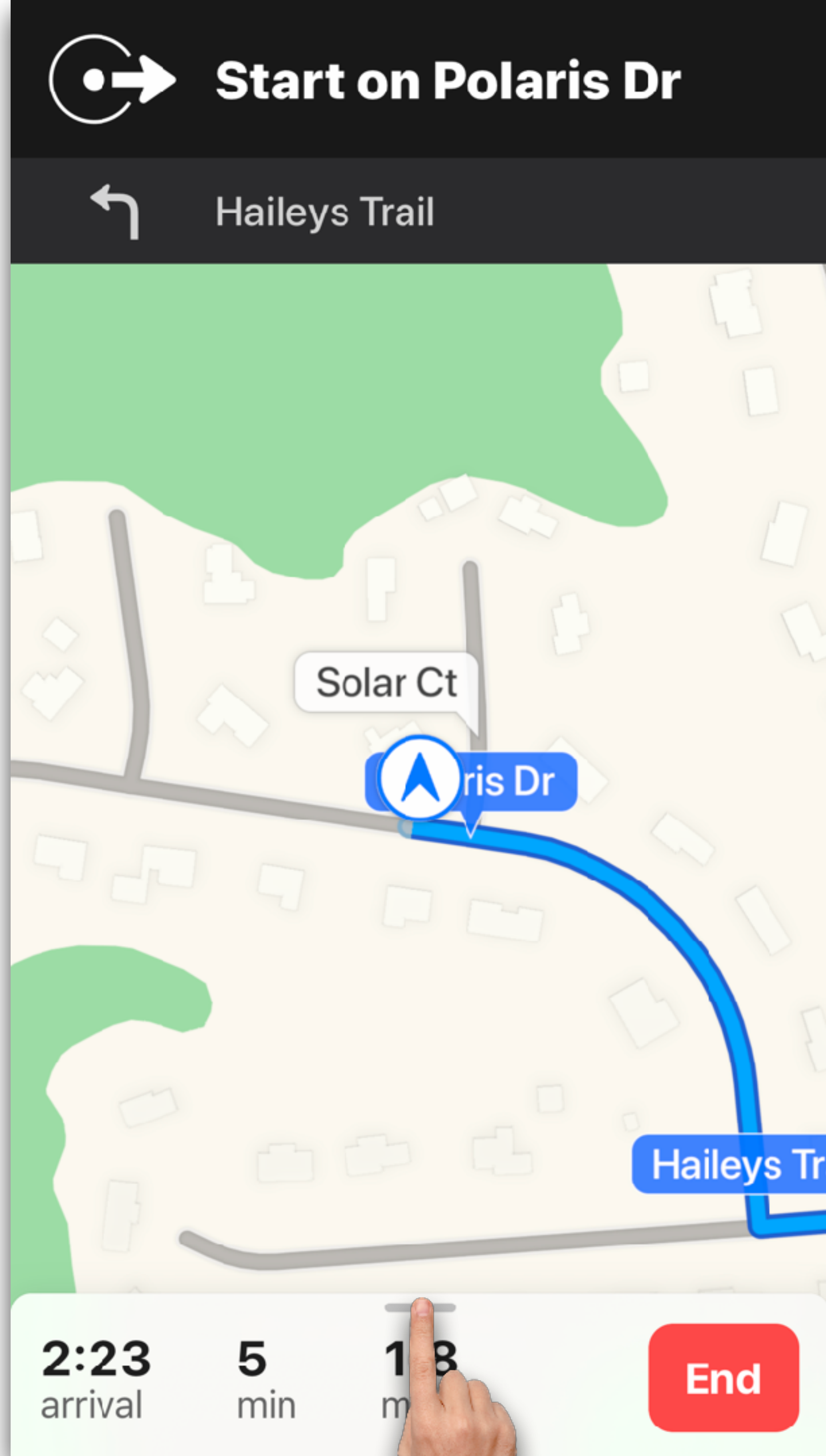
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Haileys Trail

Share ETA
Share your location, route, and destination until you arrive

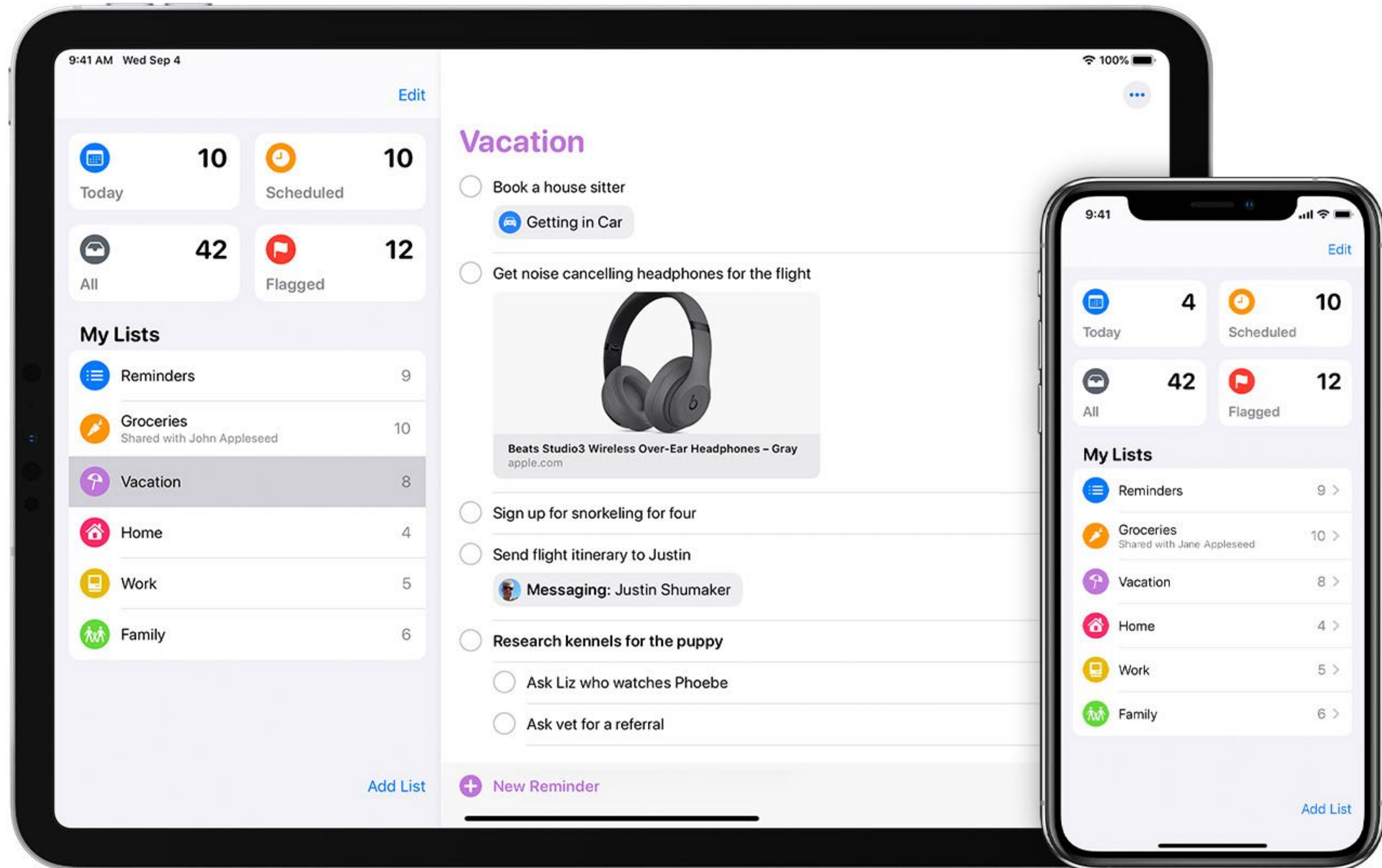
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Reminders - iOS 13





iOS 13 - Reminders



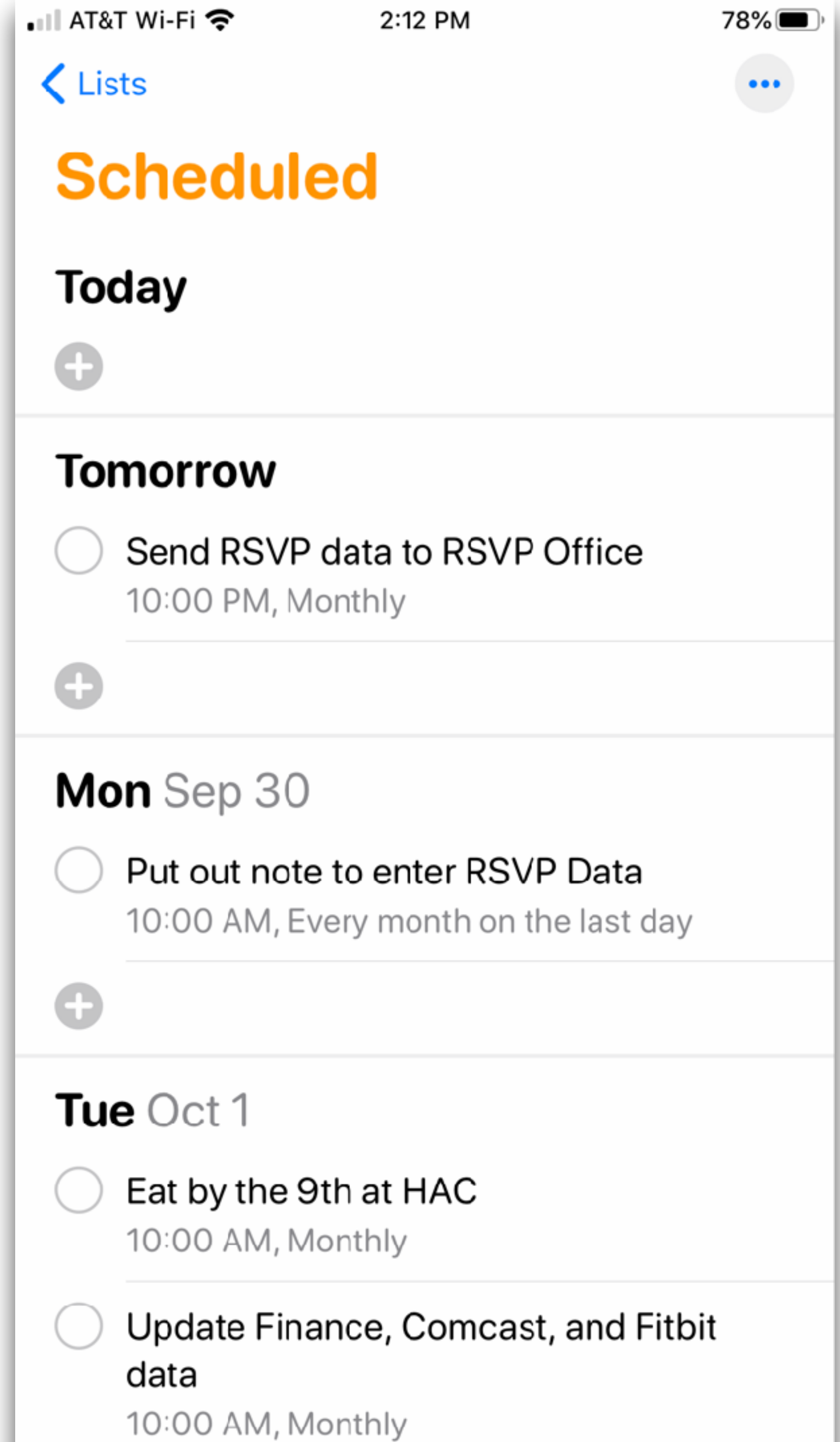
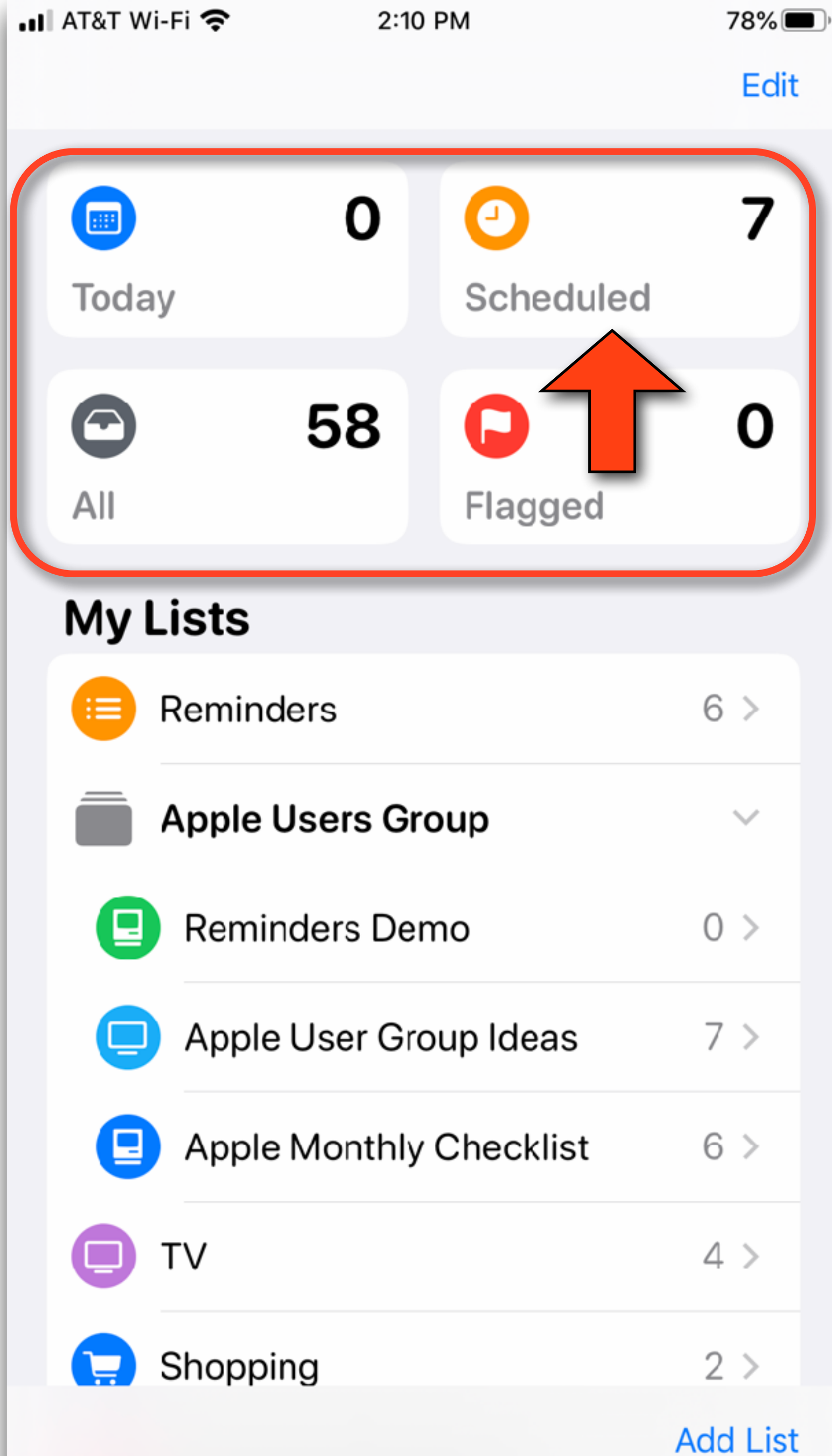
- I find two of the most useful apps that Apple provides are the Notes app and the Reminders app
- These are available across all your iOS and Mac devices
- The Notes app can contain almost anything from text, scanned documents, checklists, and each note can be shared or protected with a password if desired
- While I've been a big Notes user for a while, I've just started to really appreciate the power and usefulness of the Reminders app



iOS 13 - Reminders



- Apple has rebuilt the Reminders app from the ground up in iOS 13
- The new Reminders app has four smart sections:
 - Today: Shows all of your reminders that are either due today or overdue
 - Scheduled: Shows everything with a Due Date assigned to it (past, present, or future)
 - Flagged: Shows every reminder that you flagged as important
 - All: Shows every reminder in the app, organized by list

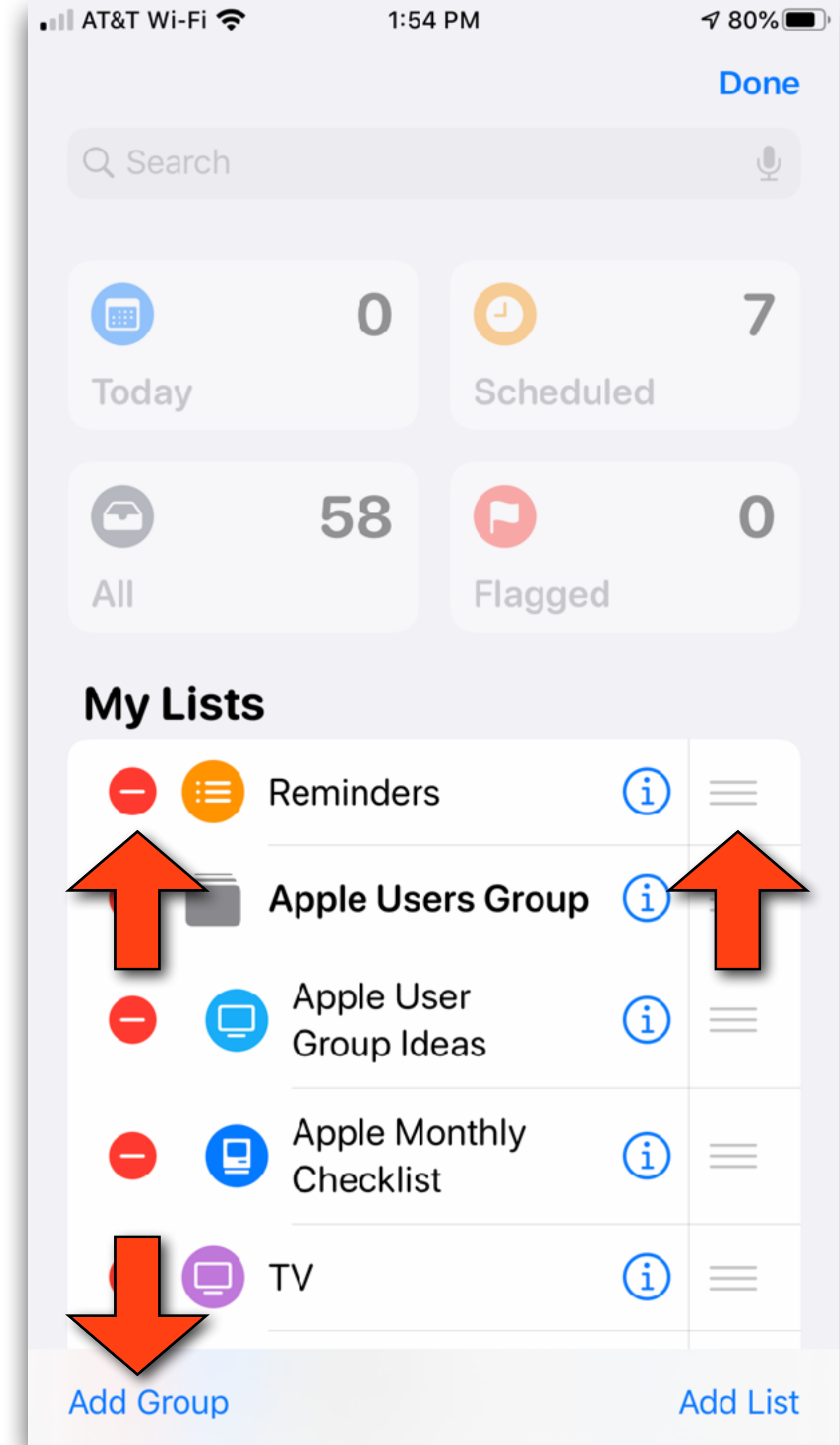
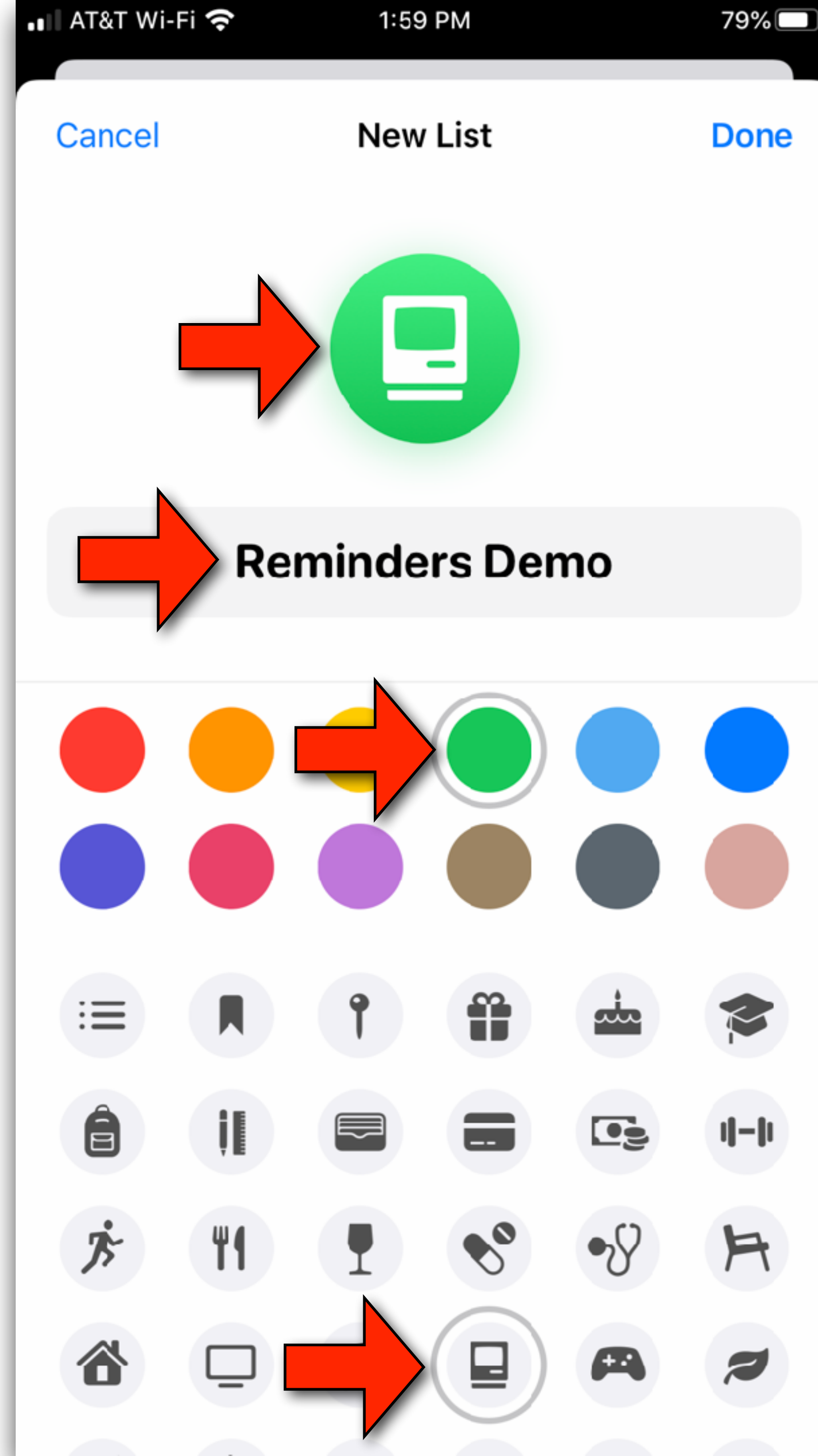
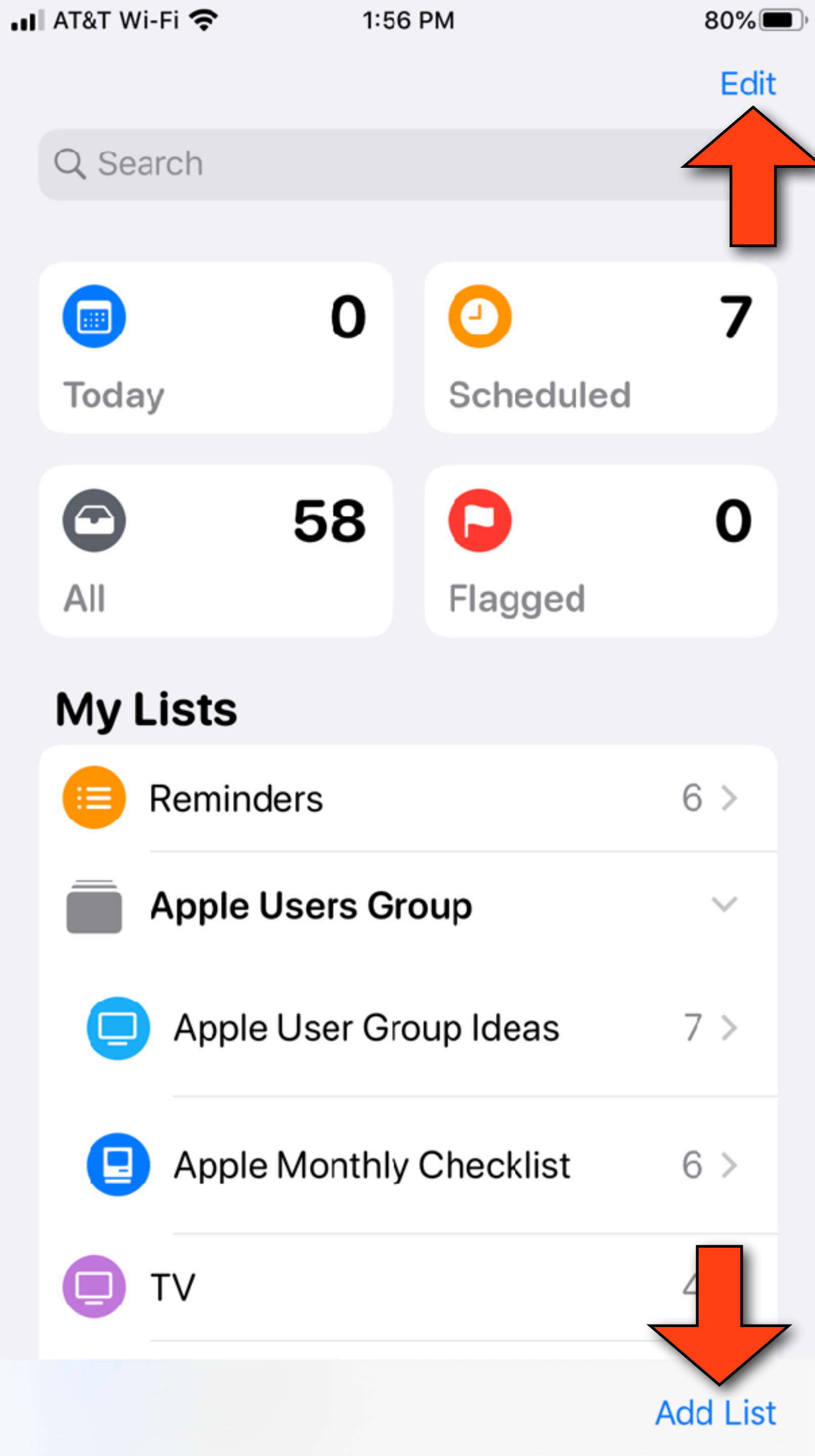


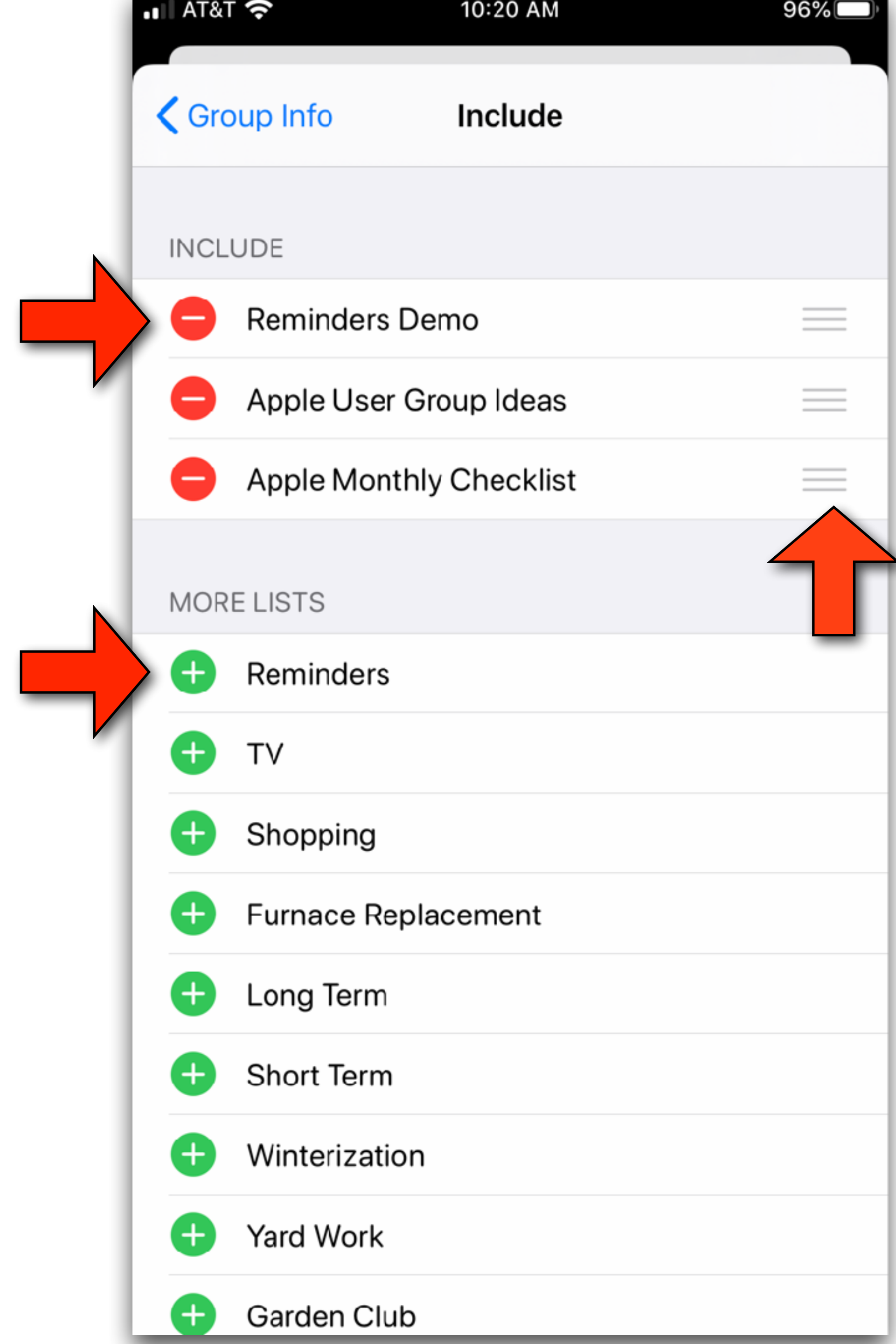
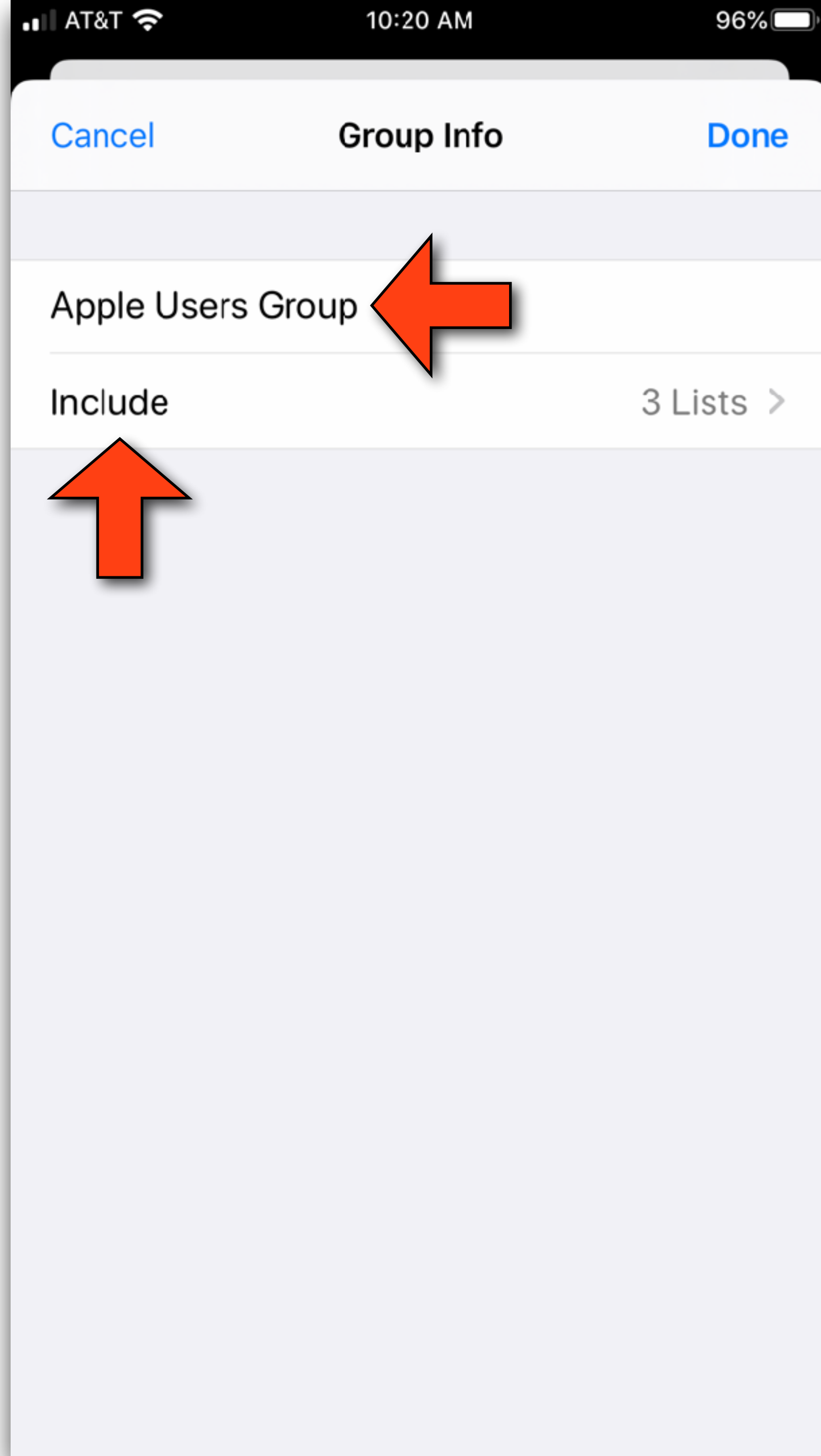


iOS 13 - Reminders



- Reminders can also be organized into lists which can be: ToDo Lists, Checklists, projects, etc...
- Each list can have a customized color and icon
- You can reorder items within a list at any time
- They can grouped together by subject, for example:
 - Apple Users Group
 - Talk Ideas
 - Monthly Checklist



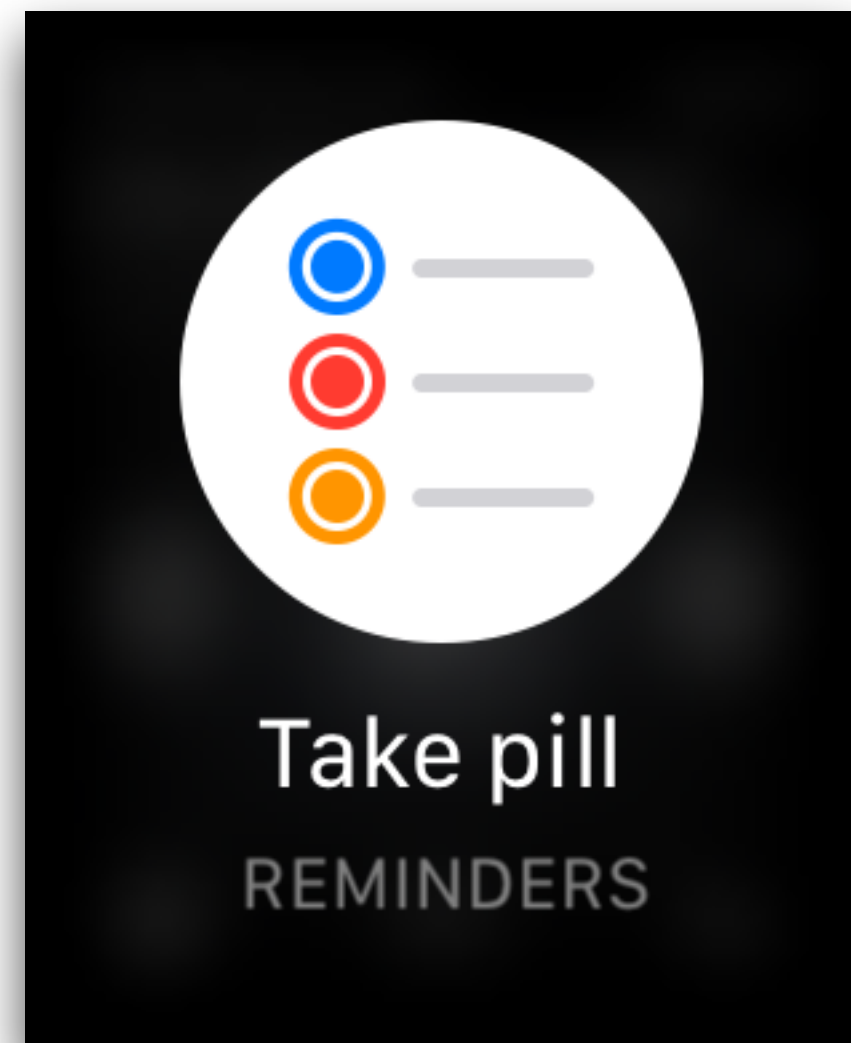




iOS 13 - Reminders



- A recent example of a Reminder I found very useful:
 - I recently went out for breakfast and realized that I hadn't taken my morning pills
 - I created a reminder "Take Pills" and set it to remind me when I returned home
 - As soon as I parked my car in my garage on returning, I got this on my Apple Watch
- I was very impressed

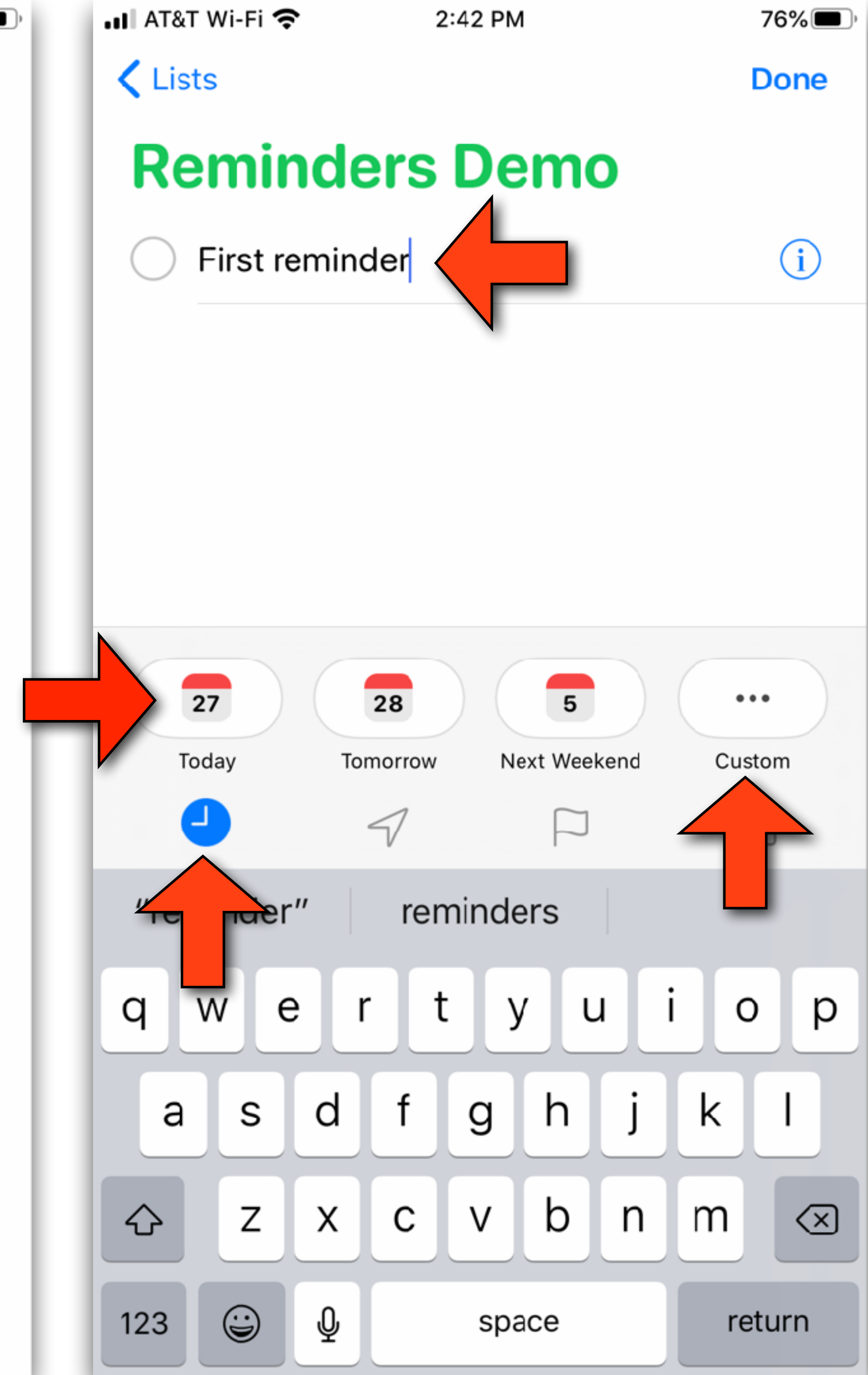
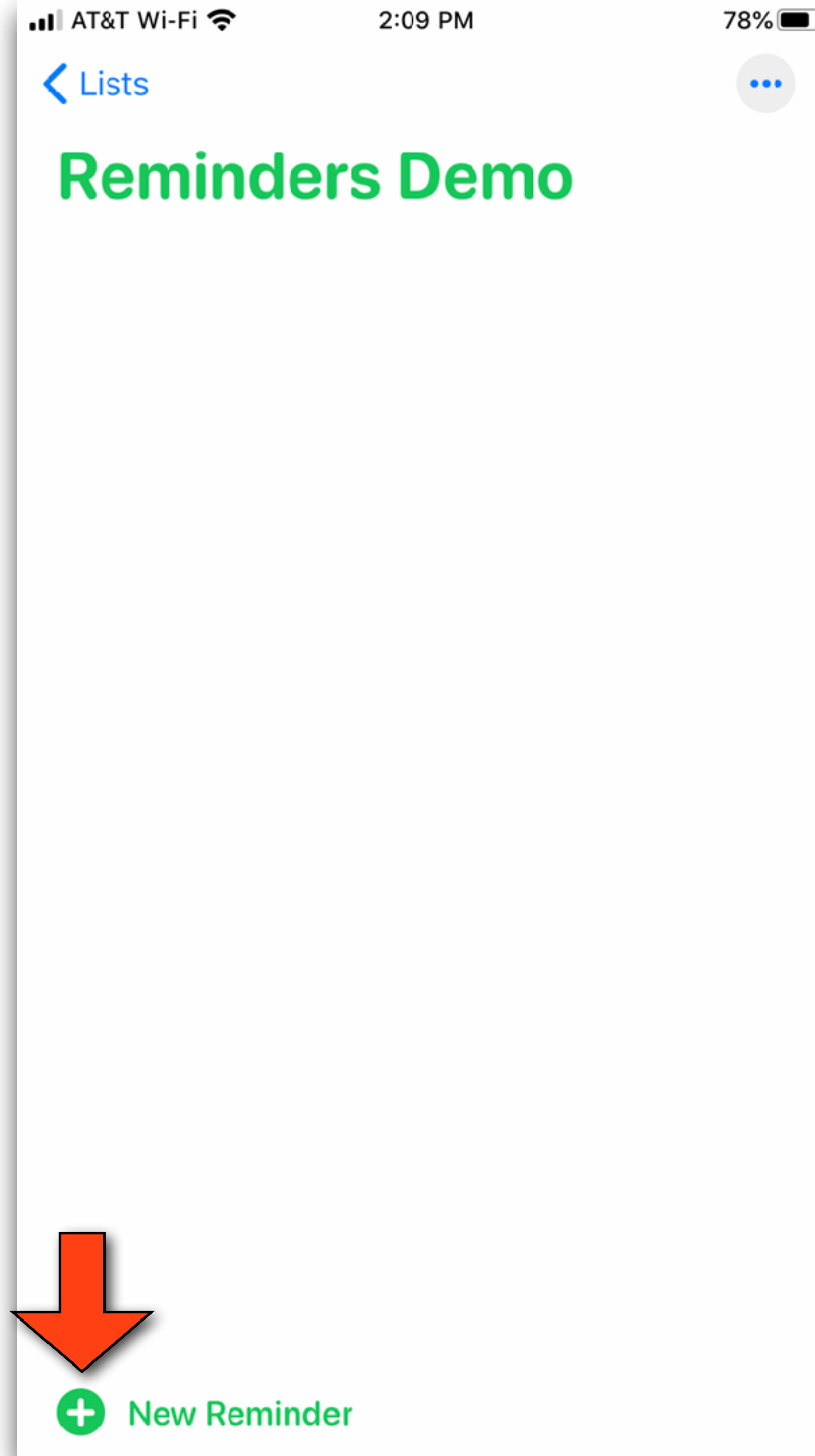
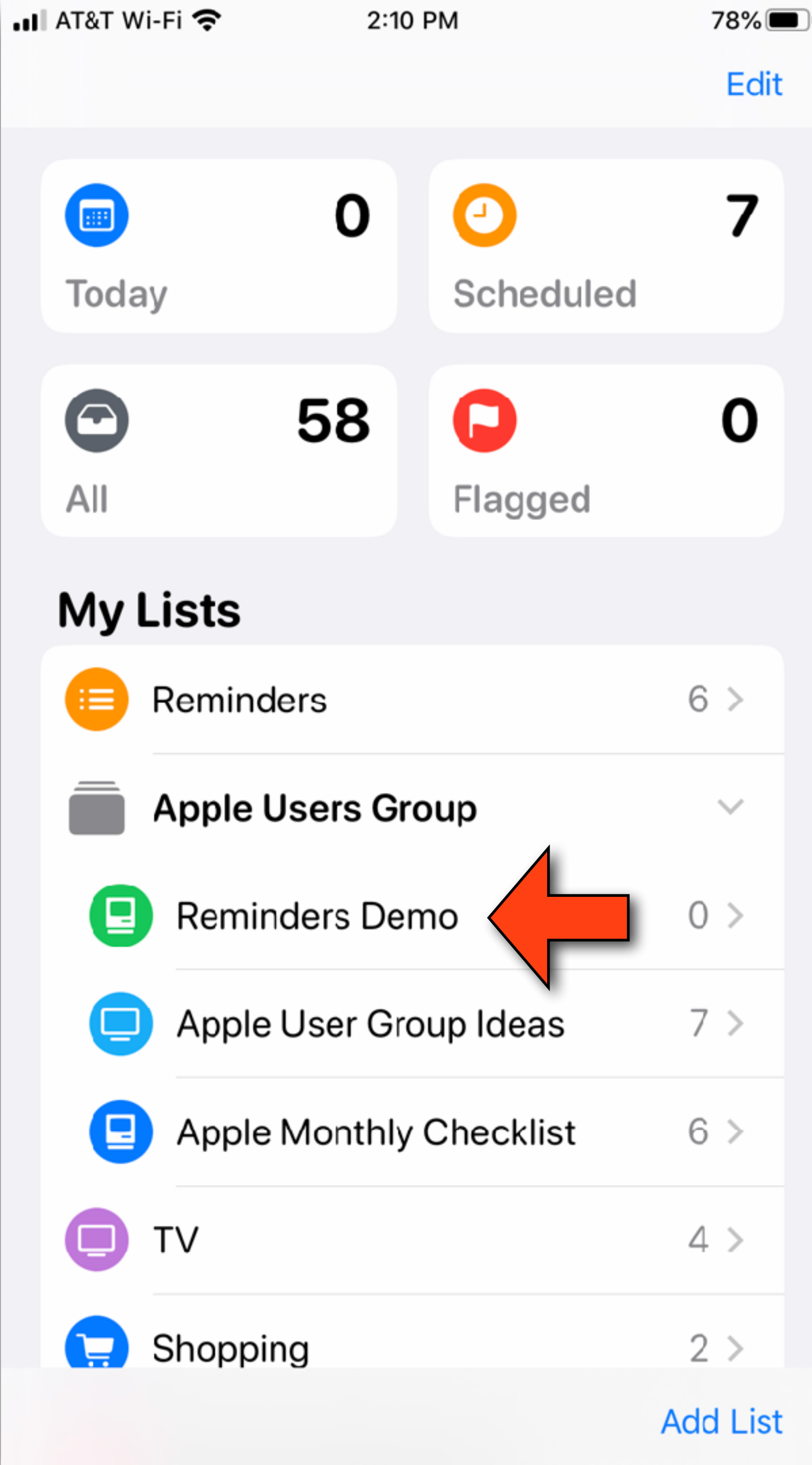


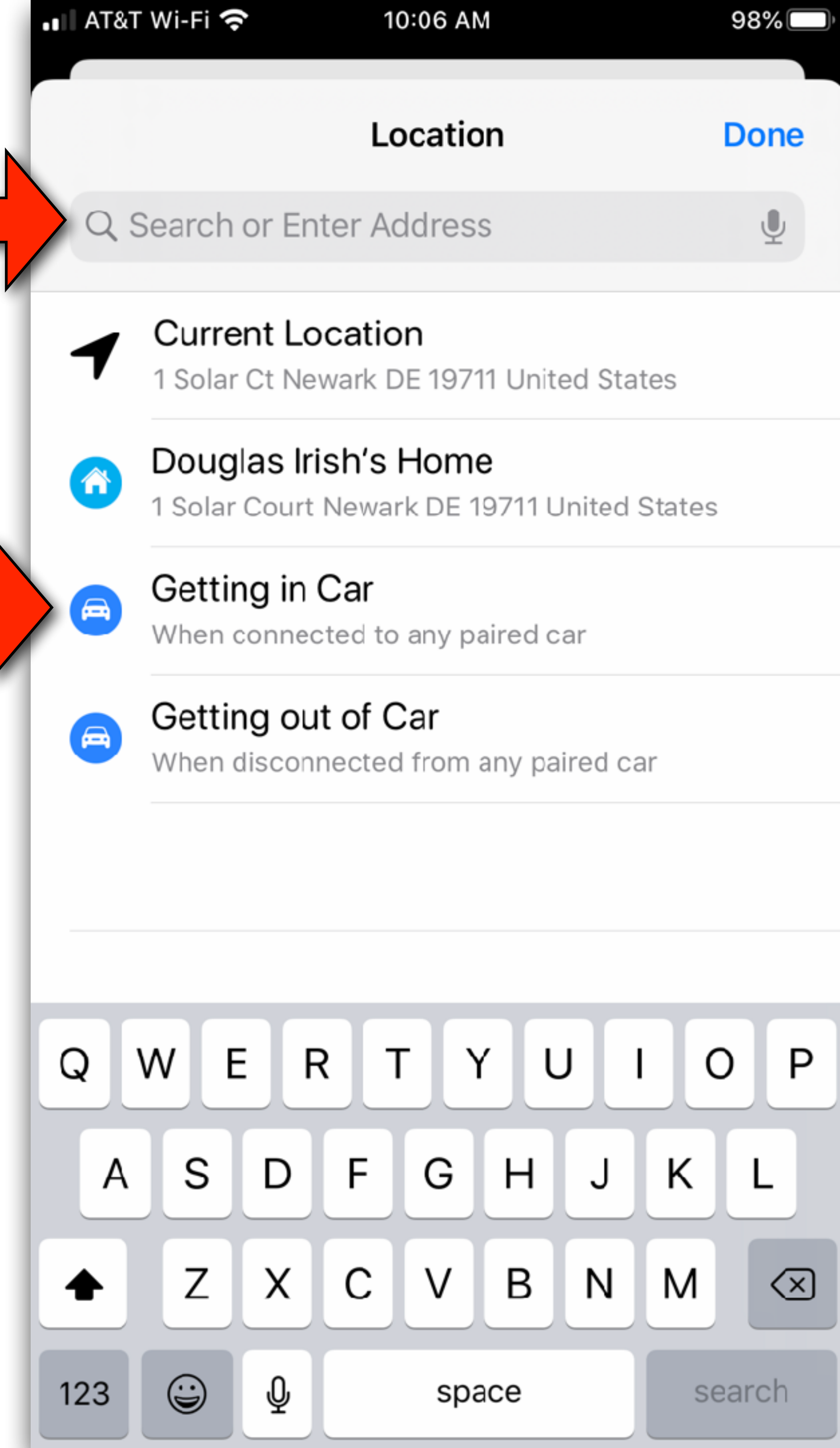
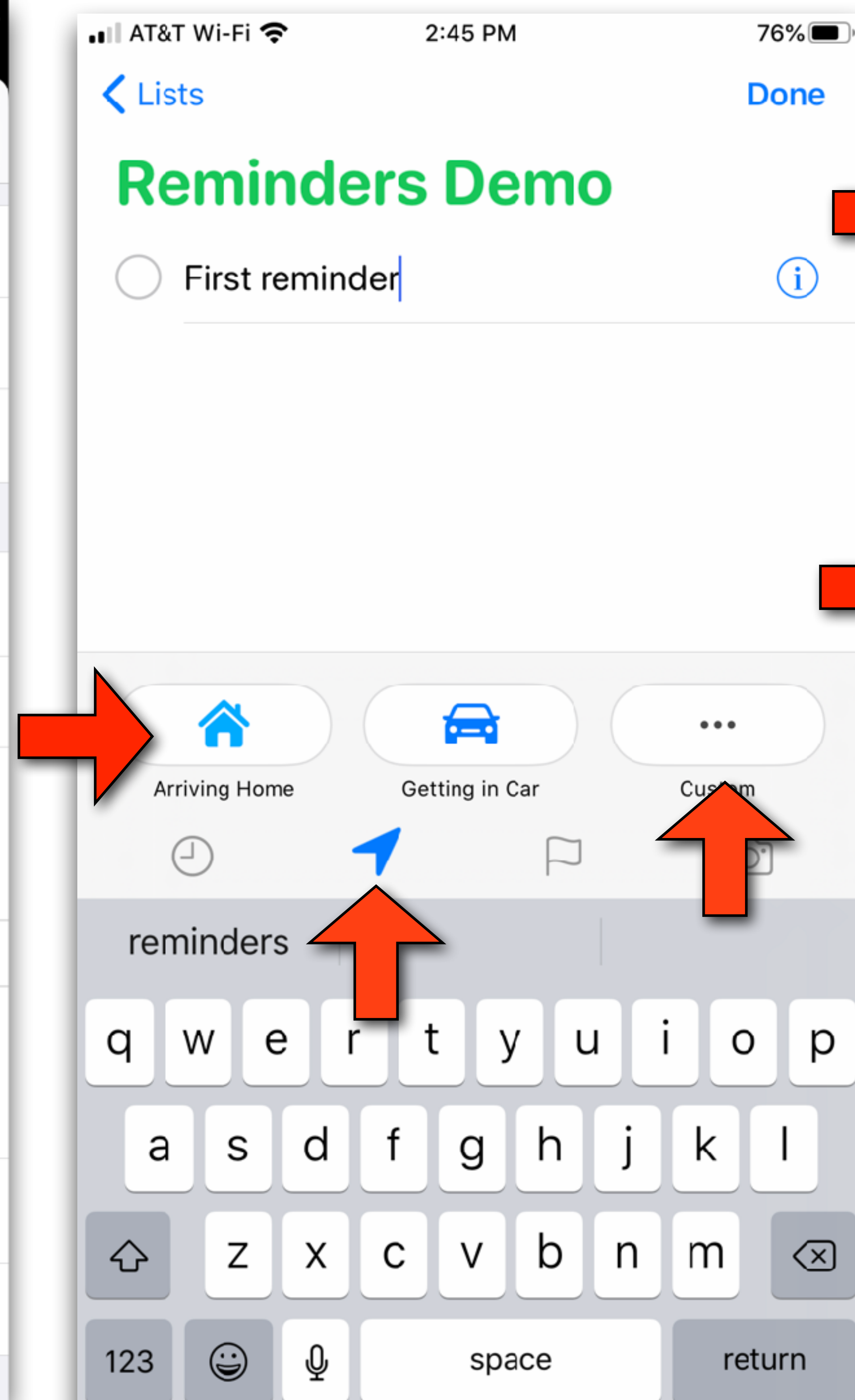
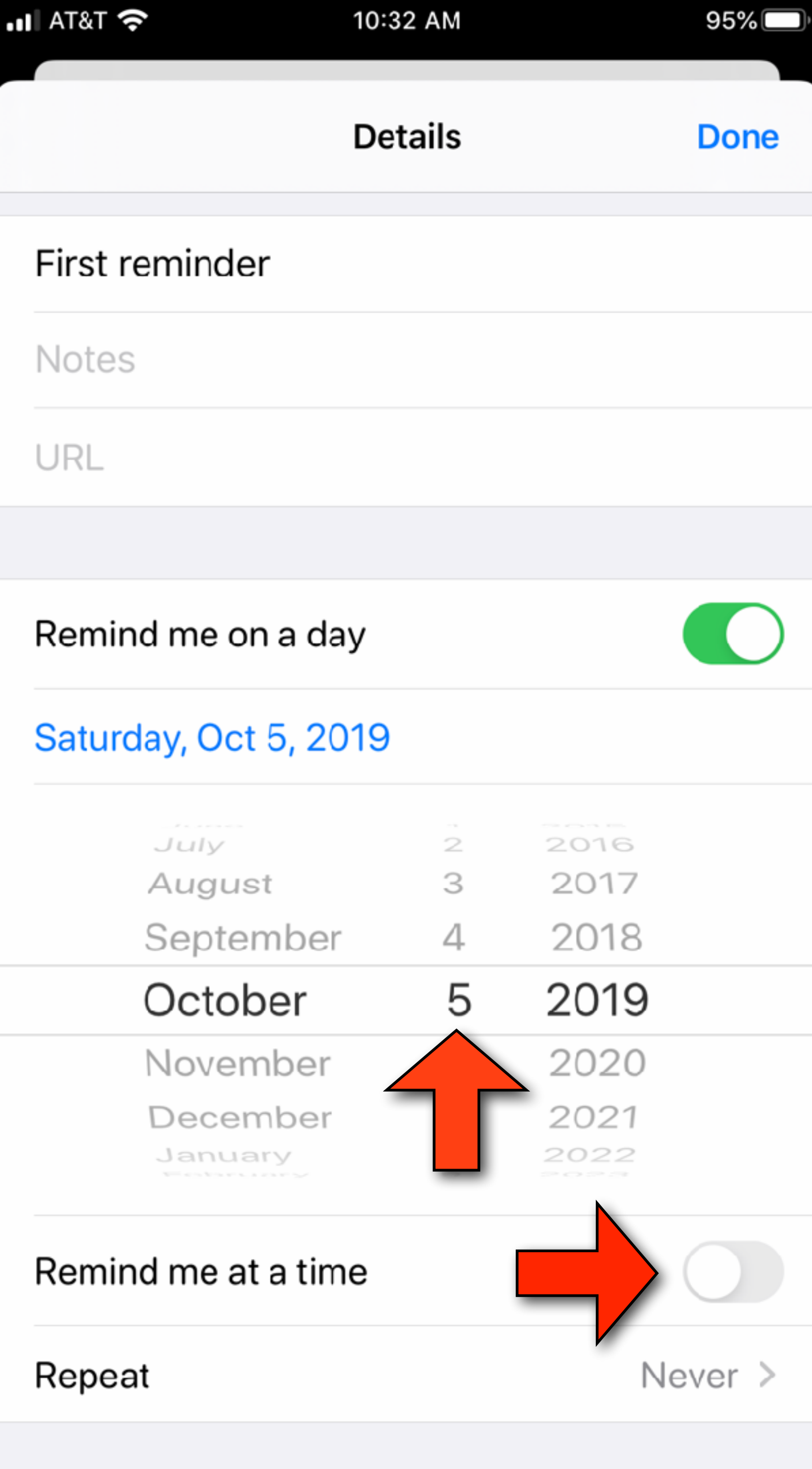


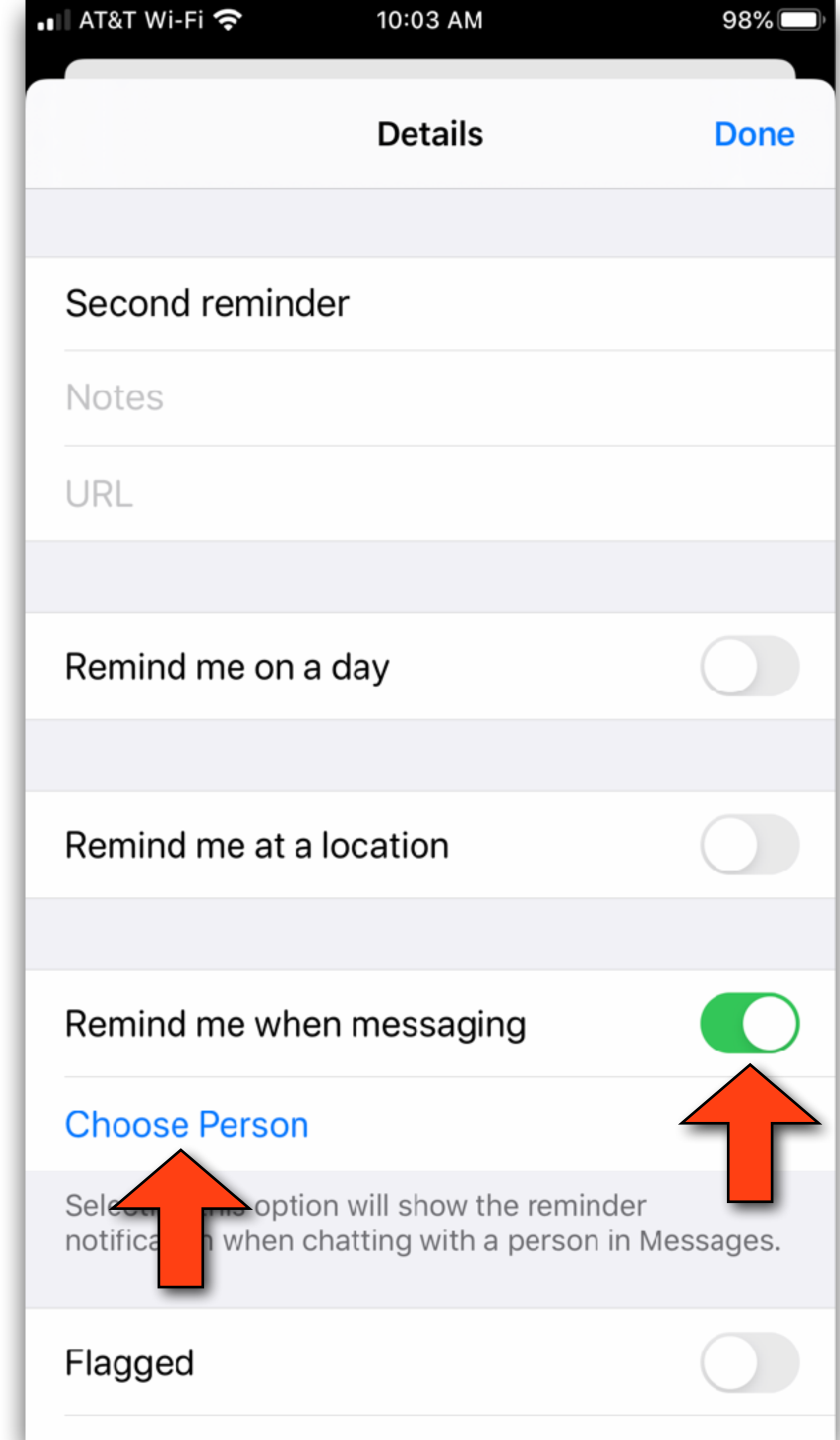
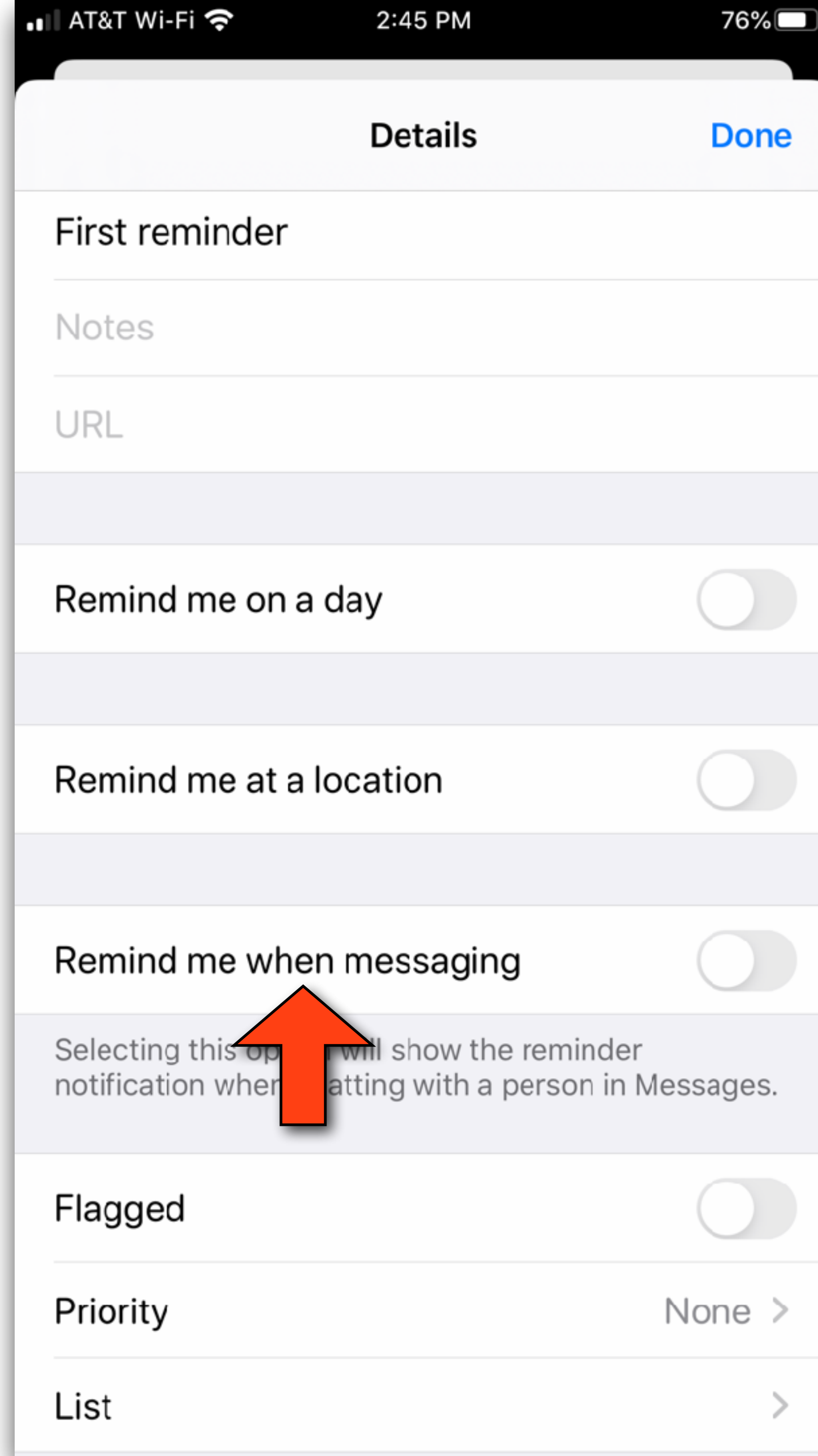
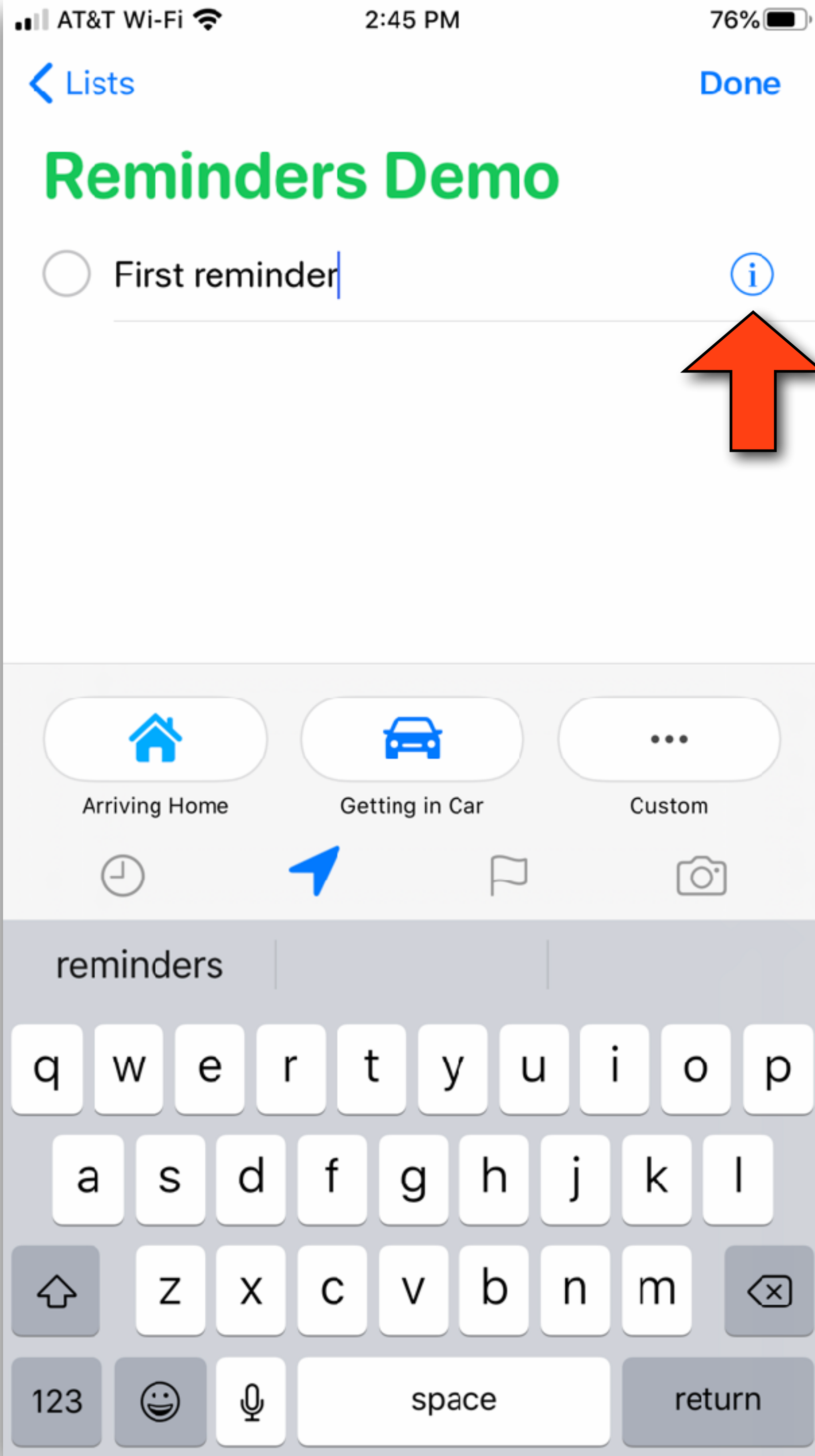
iOS 13 - Reminders

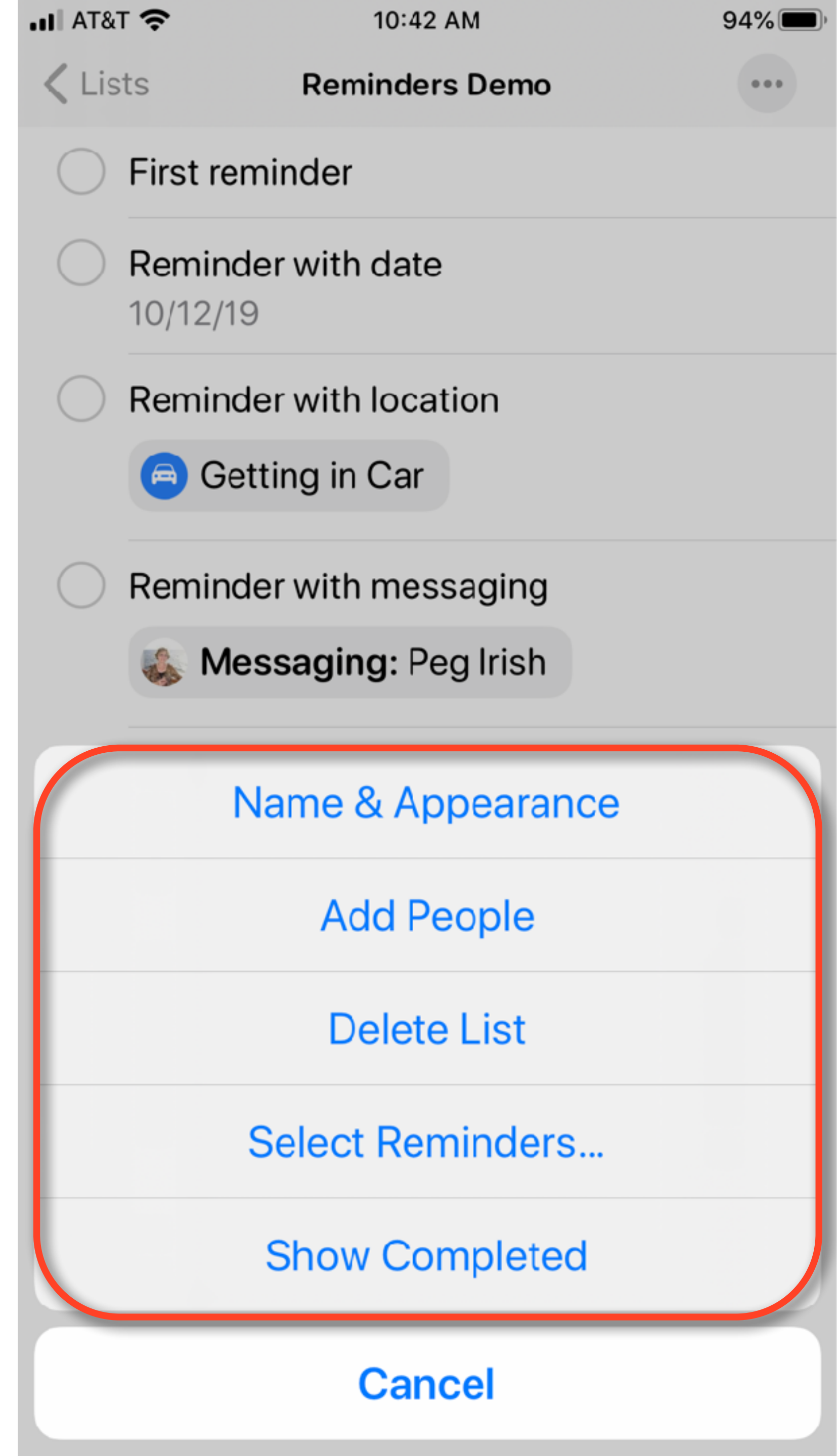
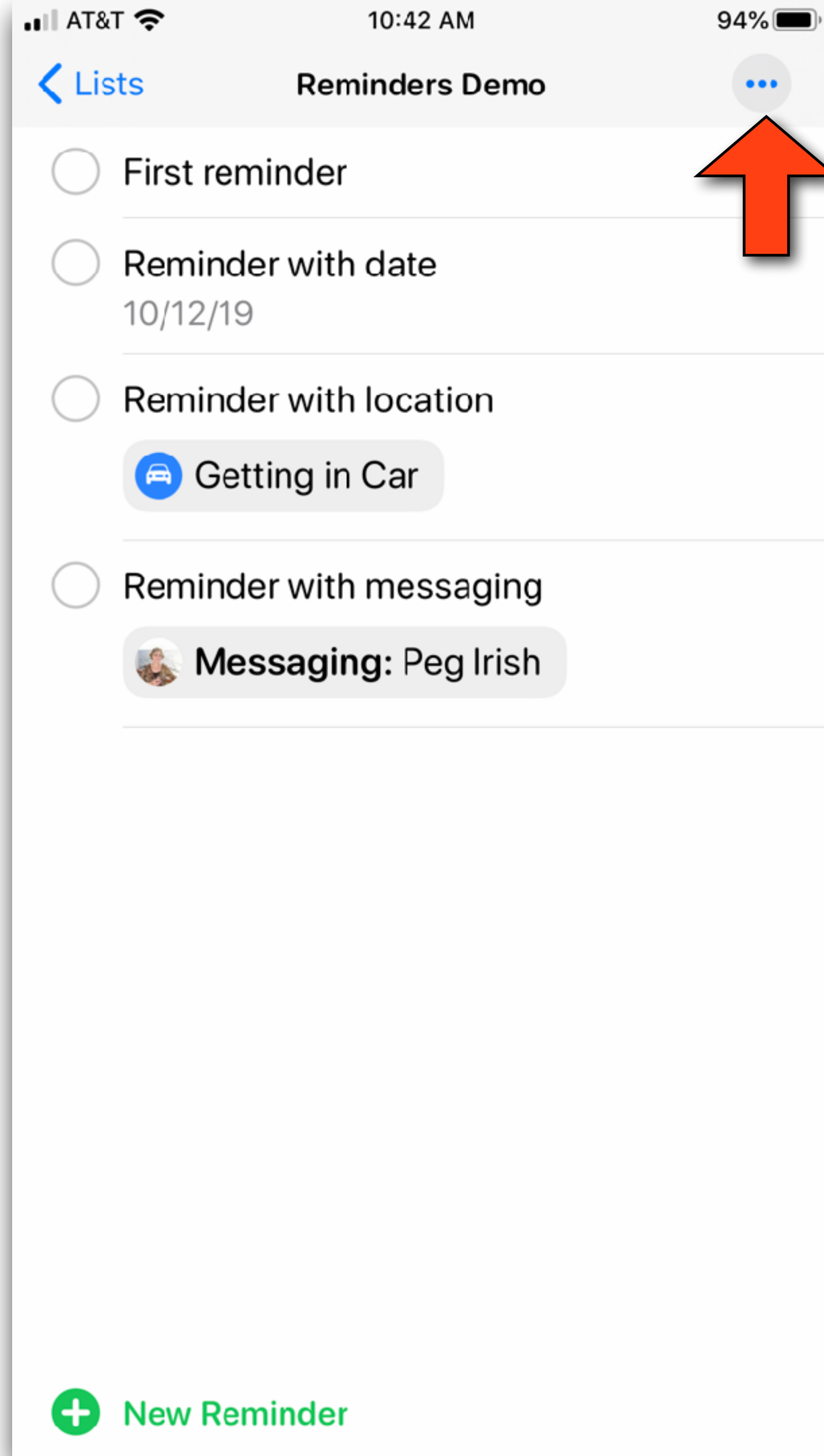


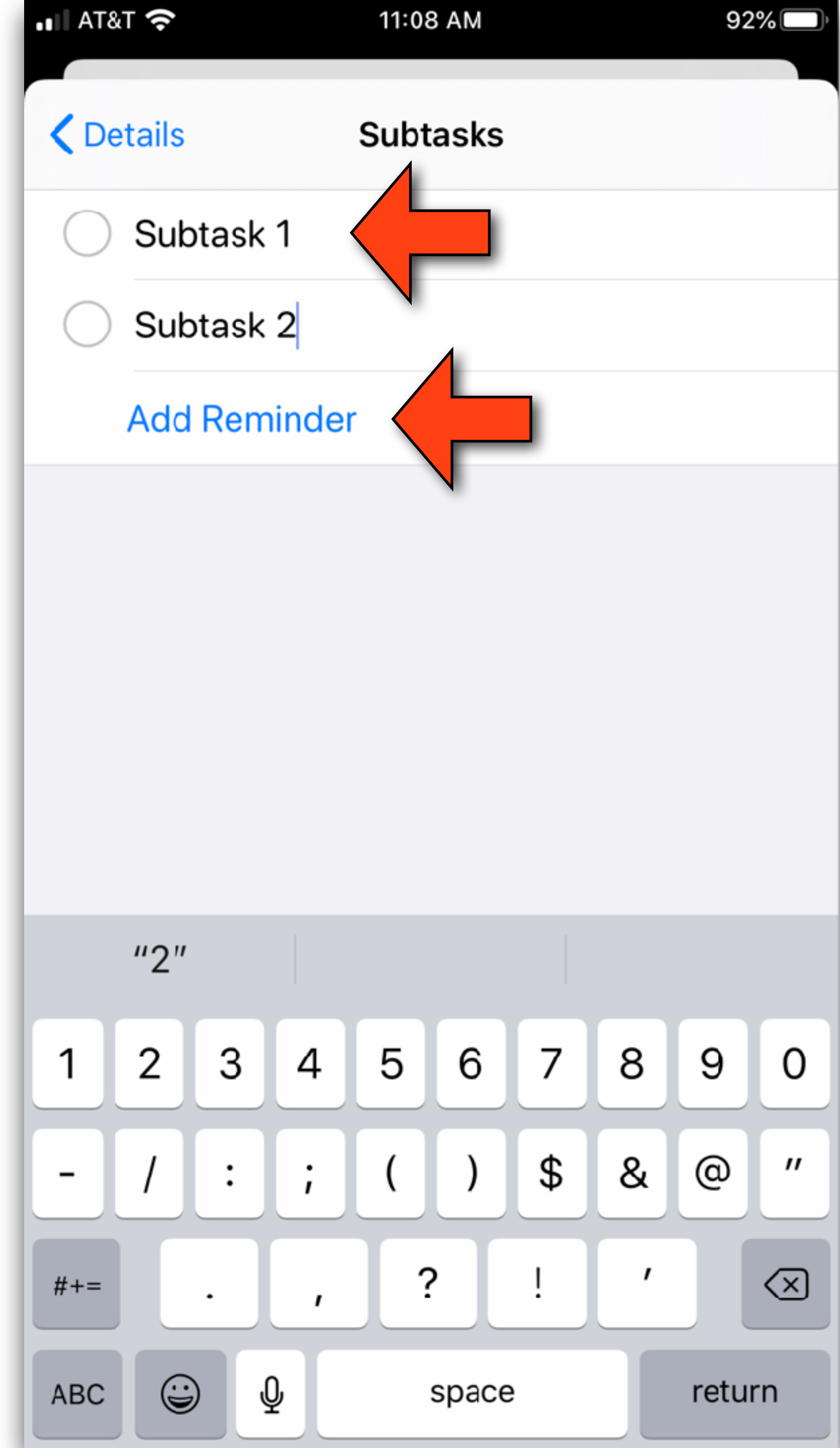
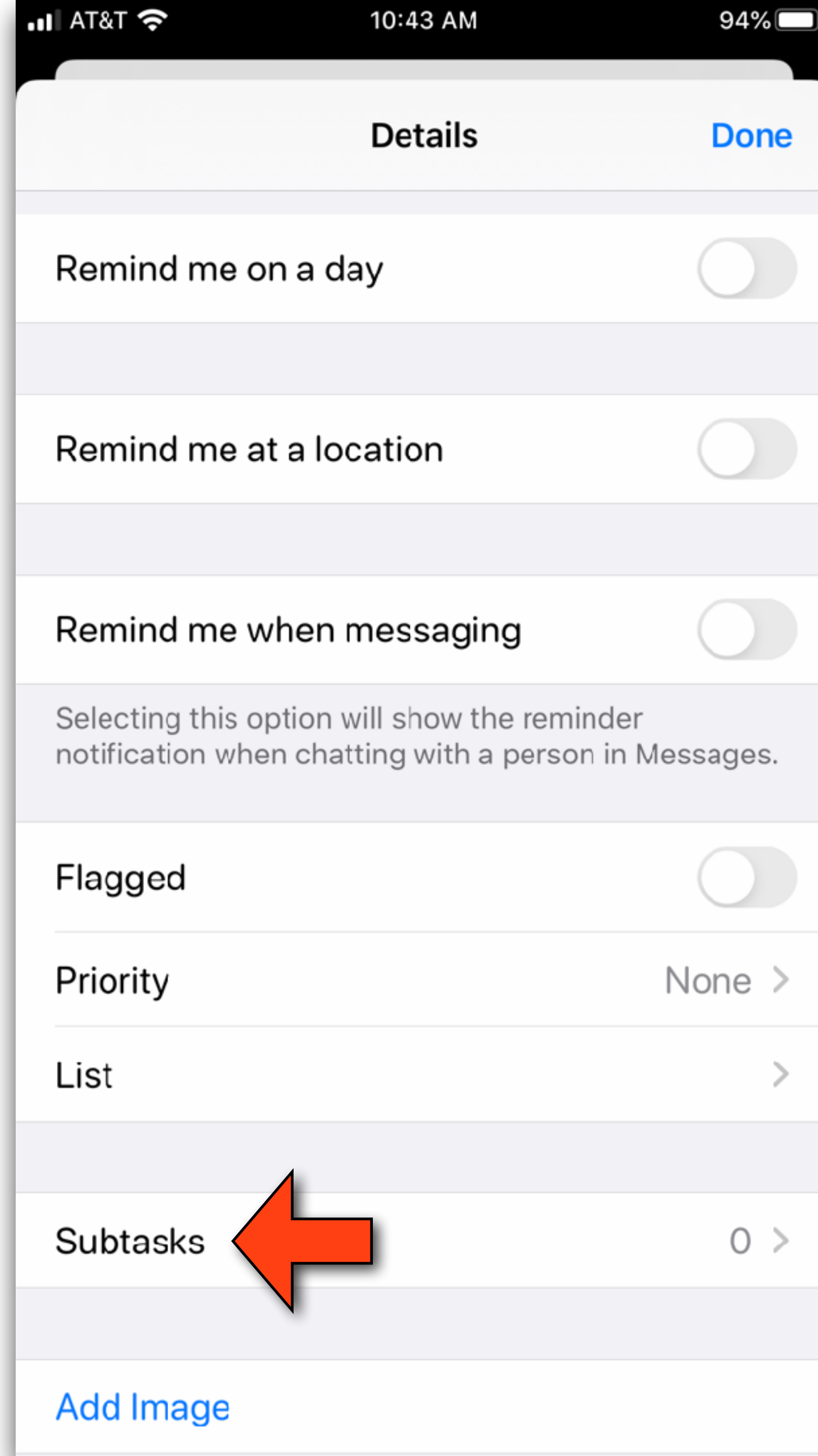
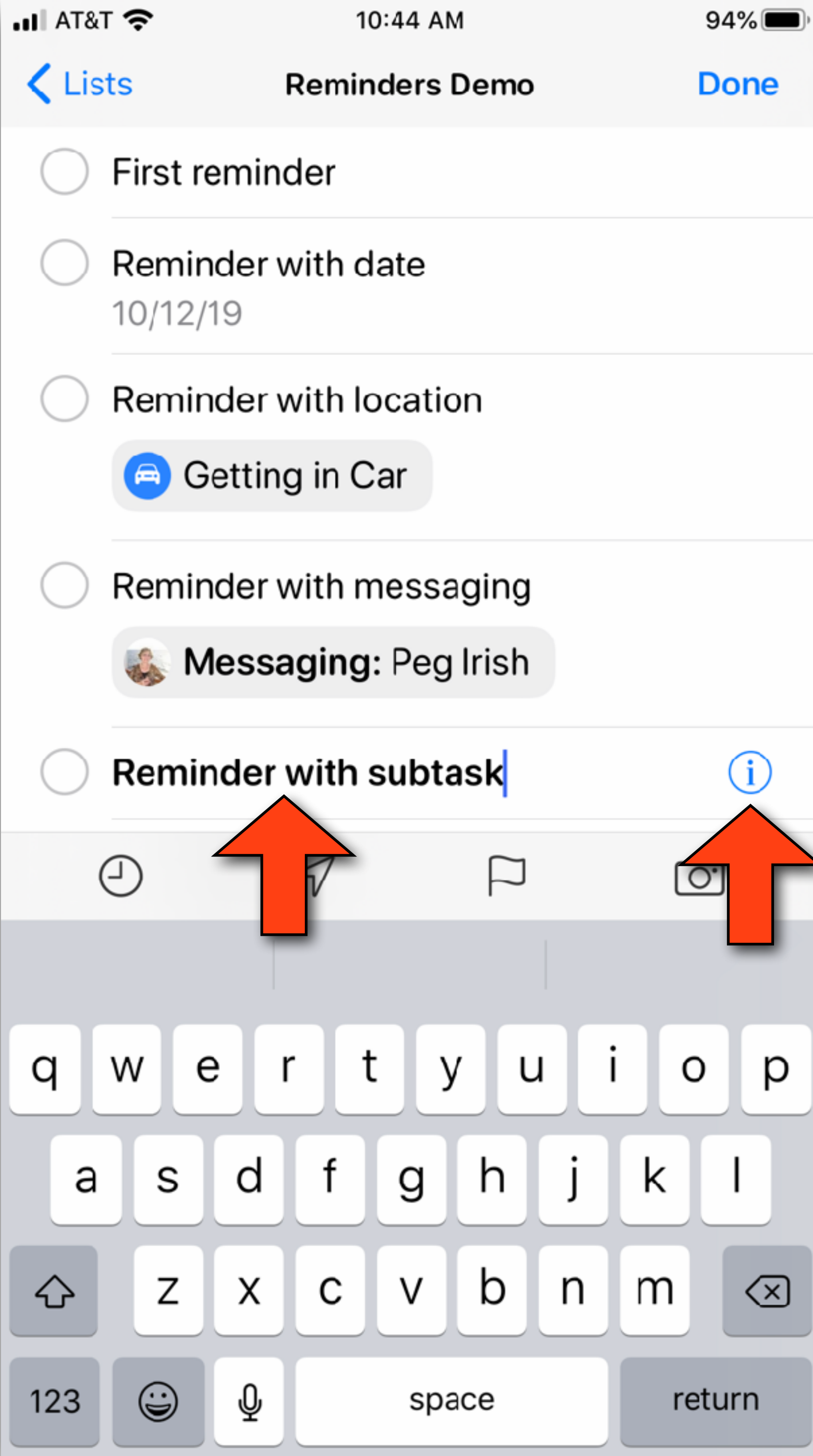
- Reminder notifications can be triggered by:
 - A certain time/date (obviously)
 - A certain location: arriving home, getting in the car, at Walgreens, etc... (Less Obvious)
 - The next time you message someone (new with iOS 13)
 - A combination of the above
 - None of the above









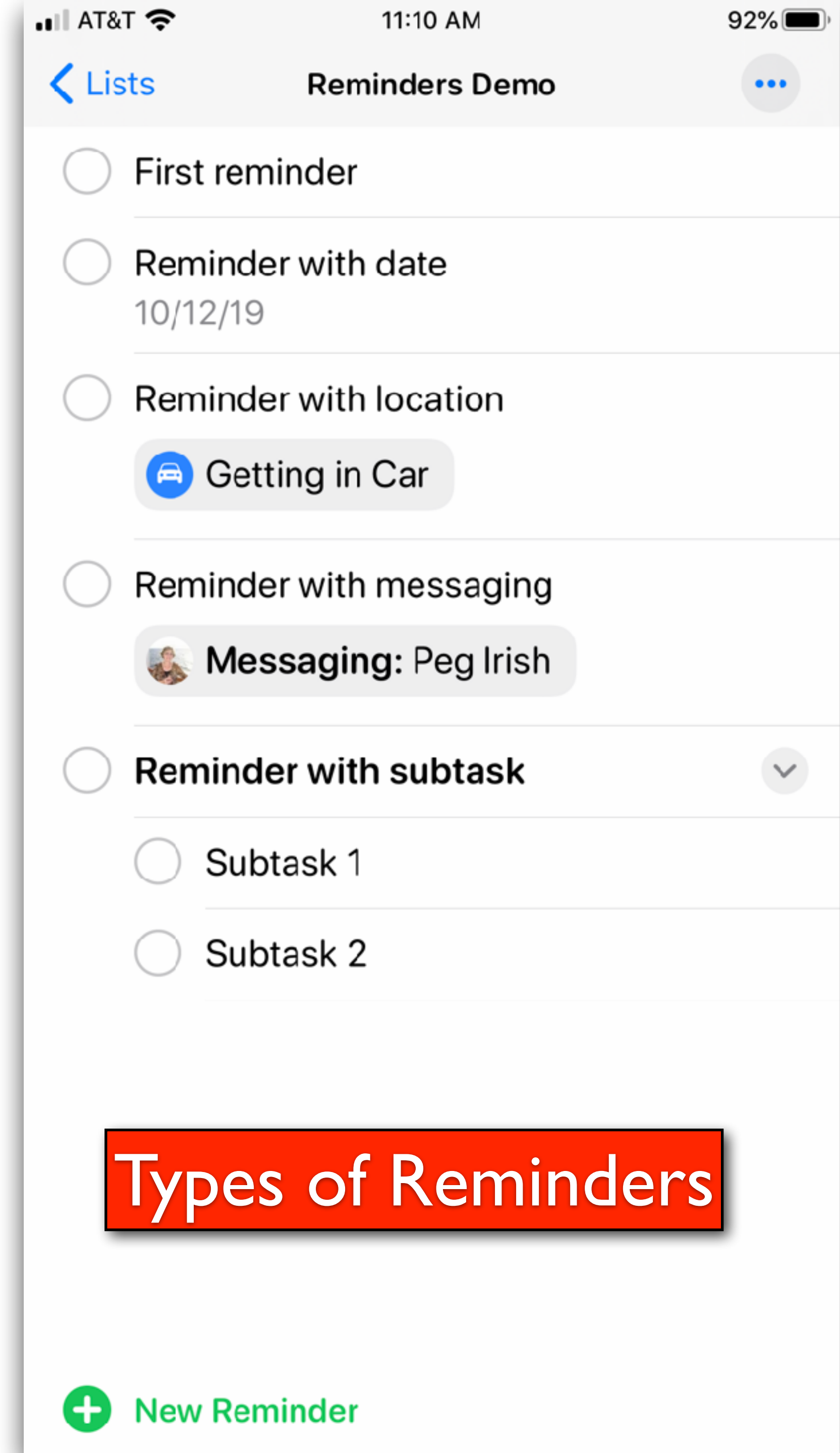
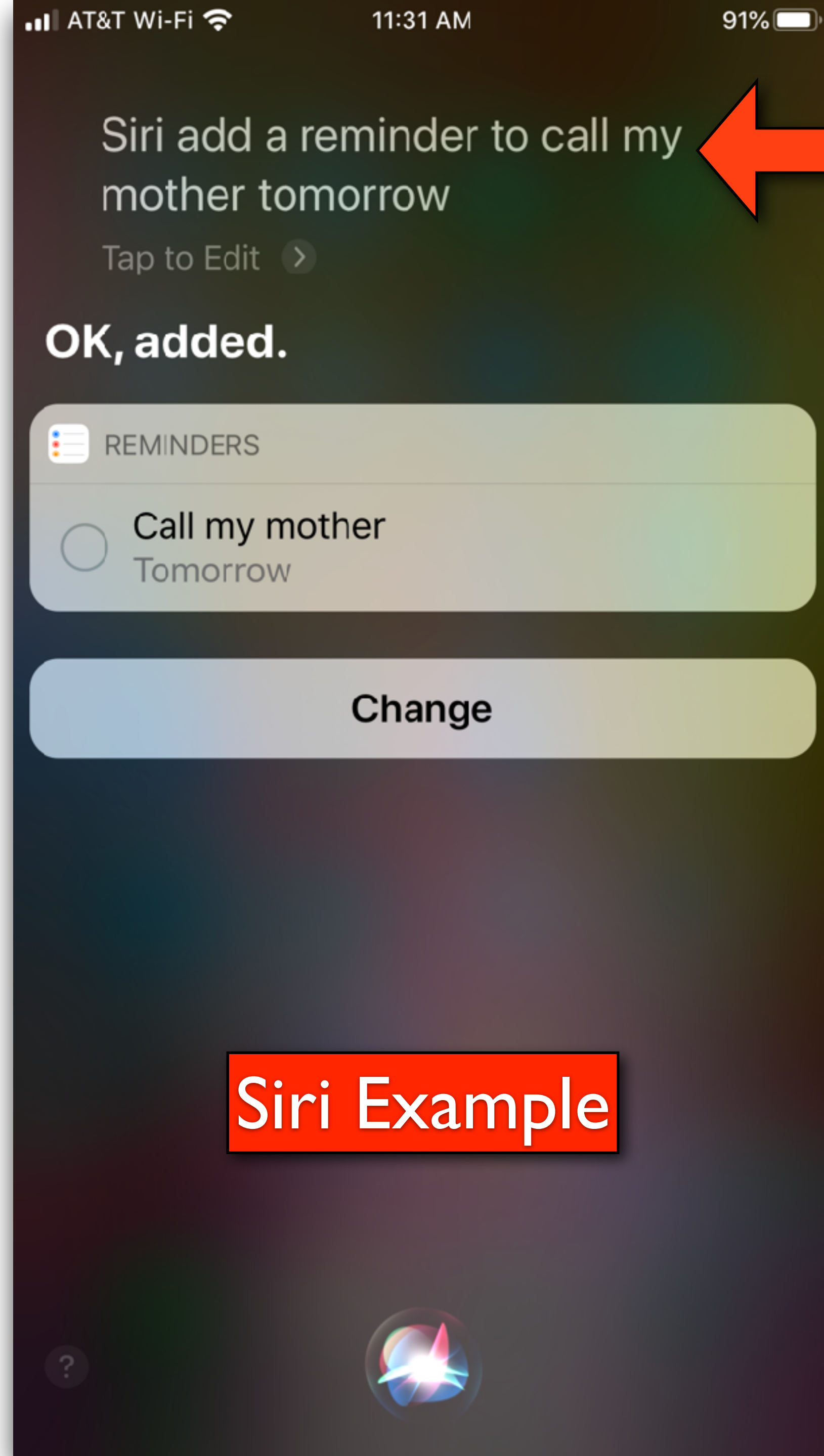
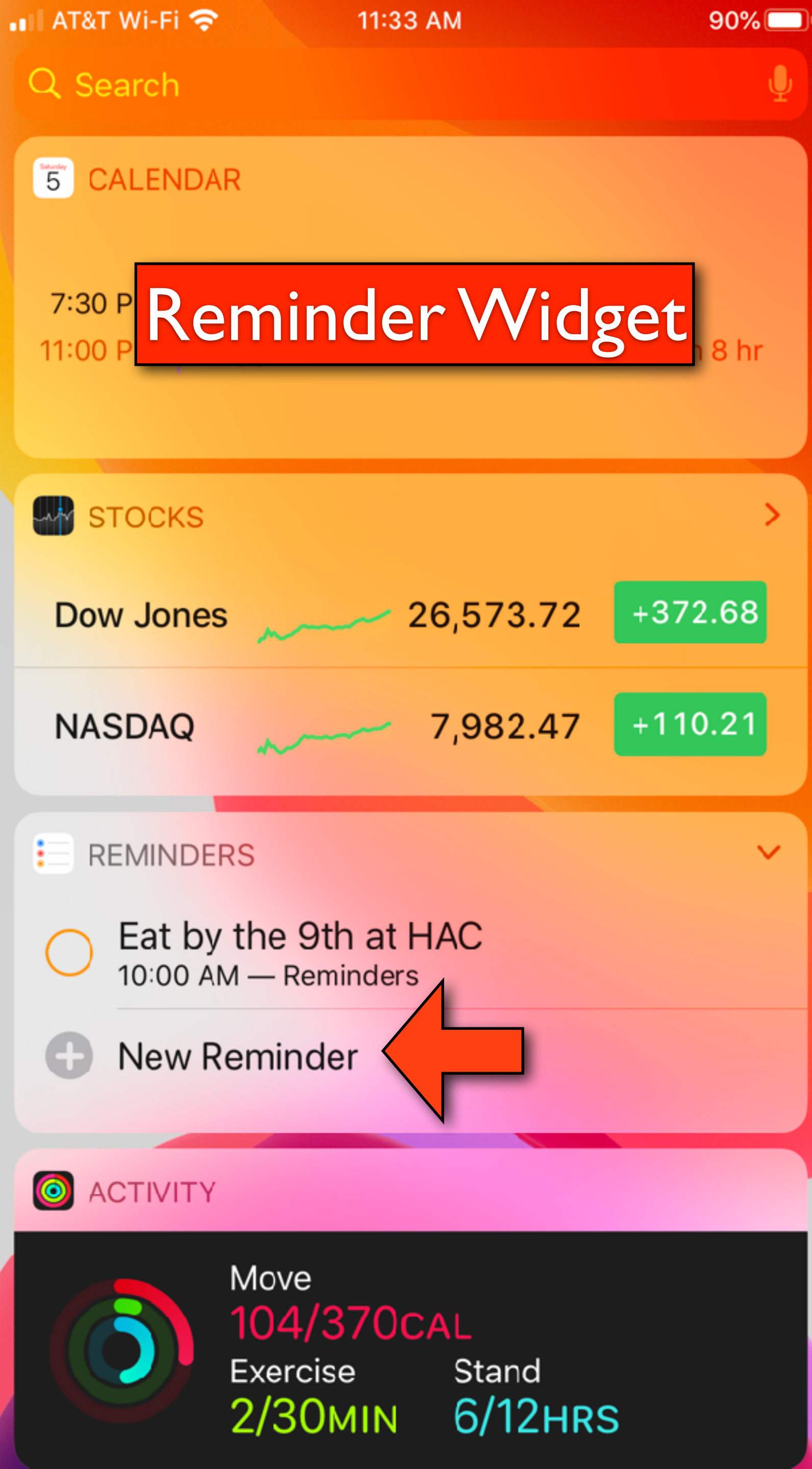




iOS 13 - Reminders



- Reminders use natural language processing
 - You can now type out a whole reminder like “doctor’s appointment at 8 PM on Thursday” and you’ll see a suggestion to add the given date and time to the reminder all in one click
- There’s a new reminders widget with a “Add Reminder” button to make it easier to add reminders
- You can also use Siri to add reminders
 - “Siri, Remind me to call my mother tomorrow”



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Make sure right presentation is downloaded to iPad

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Pack iPad

Reminders on macOS Catalina

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Husband: "Why do you keep buying plants when you just end up killing them?"

Wife: "Just to remind you what I'm capable of. "



macOS

Catalina



First Impressions



- Upgrade took 4-5 hours to download:
 - This was probably due to the fact I tried to upgrade a couple of hours after it was first released
 - The long delay in downloads was probably due to Apple's servers getting overwhelmed by everyone and their brother trying to download at the same time
 - This was confirmed when I upgraded Peg's iMac a few days later when it took 5 minutes to download vs 4-5 hours



First Impressions



- After upgrading, I kept repeatedly getting messages in settings that I had to enter my Apple ID password to make sure iCloud would be set up correctly
- I'd enter the Apple ID, then my Mac password and then get asked to do it again over and over again
- I finally had to log out of iCloud and then log back in to get rid of this problem
- I also had to do the same thing on Peg's iPad



macOS Catalina



- You still can't do Memojis on Messages on the Mac (come on Apple!)
- Apple Music (replacing iTunes), for some reason, had to re-download all the Album art which took a long time in my case
- Photos searched for duplicates and set up the “Days/Months/Years” feature which also took a long time
- I just left Photos and Apple Music up and running overnight
- “PhotoStream” was turned off in the Photos app and I had to turn it back on again in Photo preferences



32 Bit Apps



- 32 bit apps in your application folder are marked like this:
- You can just delete these apps, as they will no longer run
- I had a lot of these, but fortunately, they were all old apps that I no longer needed
- It turned out to be a good opportunity for me to clean things up



HP All-in-One Device
Chooser



HP Copy



HP Instant Share Setup



HP Network Settings
Utility



HP Registration
Assistant



HP Scan Destinations



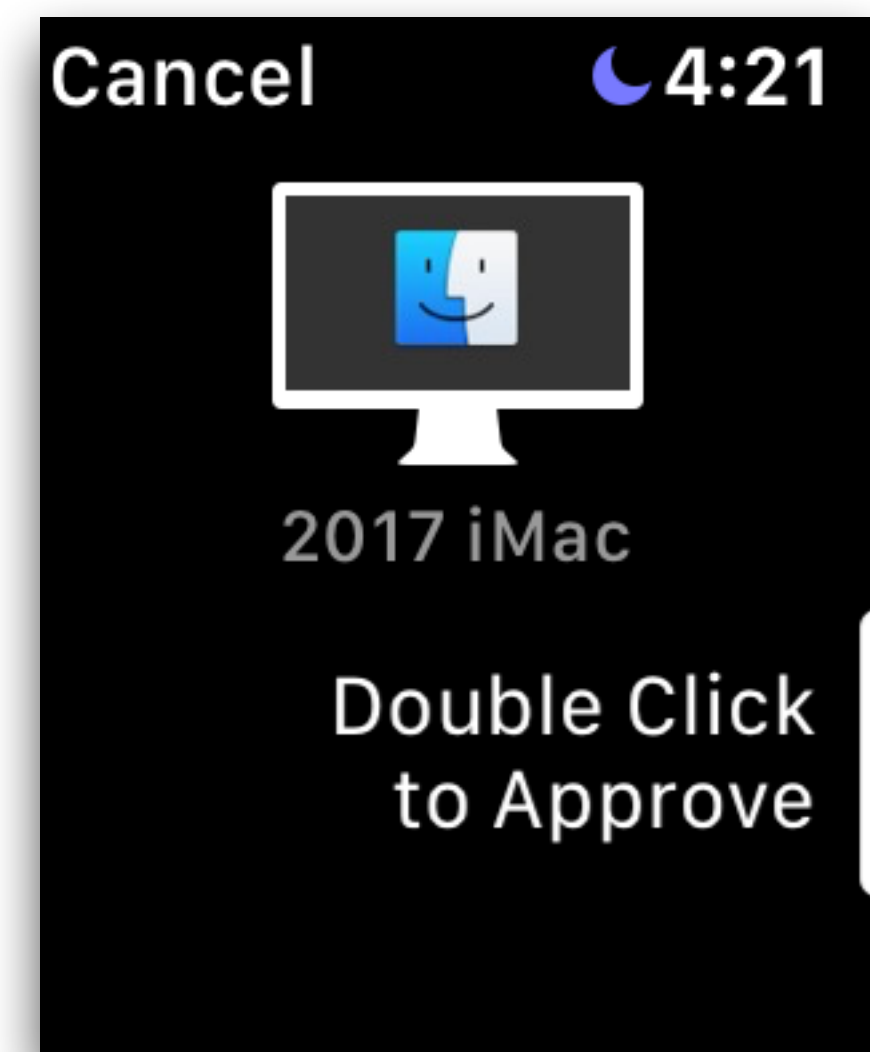
ScanUtility



Unlock w/Apple Watch



- I had to go to system preferences and reset “log in with my Apple Watch” - it got turned off with the upgrade
- Good News: “Unlock with Apple Watch” now works in most places where you used to have to enter your Mac password (i.e. delete an application, view Safari passwords, ...)
- Instead of being asked for the Mac password, my Apple Watch would tap and I just had to double click on the side button to approve





Recommendations



- If you hadn't upgraded right away, you probably were wise
- Apple has released a supplementary update to fix several bugs
- We are running Catalina and are not having any significant issues
- If you wish to update now, I don't see a real problem
- And on Tuesday, Apple released 10.15.1 which squashed a lot of bugs
- And since Tuesday...



WHEN YOU GO TO A FANCY PARTY
AND DECIDE TO STEAL THEIR
50" HD TV



Breaking
up is hard to
do!

Splitting Apple IDs



- Peg and I have been using the same Apple ID on all our devices (which BTW is definitely not what Apple recommends)
- Doing this results in Apple thinking we are the same person
- This makes it really easy to share everything: contacts, calendars, purchases, credit cards, iCloud Storage, etc...
- As a down side, Apple wants to use the same name on all our devices and sometimes the same picture
- And... we can't customize things without affecting each other (Photos, notes, etc...)

Splitting Apple IDs



- Also, it sometimes got confusing when using, Messages, FaceTime, and other apps that share iCloud data...
- Peg could not get her own physical Apple Card
- We could not share our picture/name from messages because we had one Apple ID associated with two phone numbers
- So we finally decided to break up and get Peg her own Apple ID and separate our accounts
- We also decided to use Family Sharing as much as possible to share many things that we wanted to continue sharing

Process



- The actual process for splitting IDs was fairly simple
- Dealing with the consequences, on the other hand...
- I first went to Apple's iCloud website and created a new ID for Peg
- Then, I signed out of my Apple ID on Peg's devices
- When signing out, it asked if I wanted to keep all the data - Yes!
- Then I signed in with Peg's new Apple ID
- That was it

Some results



- Apple Pay:
 - I had to re-add all the credit cards in Peg's Apple Pay
 - On the plus side: Peg was able to get her own Apple Card
- Keychain/Safari favorites:
 - The split kept all old URLs, favorites and passwords
 - We can now delete information that is not of interest to one of us without affecting the other
 - New items will not sync (I'm generally ok with this)

Family Sharing



- Family Sharing: I turned on Family Sharing
 - iCloud Drive: I wanted to share storage, but I can't unless I sign up for 200GB option or more (I currently have 50GB option)
 - Found that I can't share my "iTunes Match" music
 - I can share it only if I buy Apple Music
 - This is not a big issue for us, but it is a little annoying
 - We have not found any apps, books, or movies that don't work as a result of the split
 - Family Sharing allows us to see each other's devices as well as each other in the Find My app

Photos



- Photos: We had a shared Photo Library, which we liked
 - We had used PhotoStream to automatically put new photos from any device onto both our Macs (Using same Apple ID)
 - This broke on Peg's Mac when we separated Apple IDs
 - To my surprise, I found out that PhotoStream is no long supported for new Apple IDs and is apparently being phased out
 - Result: I couldn't even use Photo Stream on Peg's new Apple ID for her to download photos wirelessly to her iMac from her iPhone (Bummer)

Photos



- We could create a shared album and put new photos into it (Tried it and didn't like it)
- Decided that we would just physically download all our photos to both iMacs (on the plus side, we can delete all photos we don't want without affecting each other's library)
- Also since it was a new Apple ID, Peg no longer had access to any shared photo albums (Had to add her new Apple ID to each shared album)
- Apple automatically turned on iCloud Photos - I found this out when Peg's Apple Storage filled up completely, and I had to turn it off

Contacts



- Contacts: We shared all our contacts
 - When we split, we did not lose any contacts in any device, but new contacts added would only sync across devices within each Apple ID
 - You can't share iCloud contacts across different Apple IDs
 - However if you add a google account to both IDs, you can share these contacts
 - Path forward, we'll add any new contacts to share into the gmail contact list or just share the contact (Right Click - Share)

Calendars



- Calendars: We shared all our calendars
 - Both of us use Google calendars that we had added to our Apple calendar app
 - Nothing changed when we split Apple ID's
 - The Google calendars remained untouched in each Apple Calendar app
 - If we hadn't been using Google Calendars, we could have shared our Apple calendars, so this didn't turn out to be an issue

Reminder/Notes



- Reminders/Notes:
 - When we switched to Peg's new Apple ID's, she lost access to all our existing notes and reminders
 - This is OK, and in fact it's better because:
 - Now we can share those reminders we want and don't share ones that are not of mutual interest
 - Likewise for Notes: You can share individual notes and note folders as we wish
 - Overall this was a positive

Recommendations



- If you are starting from scratch: Create separate Apple IDs
- If you currently have shared Apple ID's
 - Switch if you can tolerate the bother and issues that will arise (it does involve a bit of time and effort as well as a bit of frustration)
 - If not, just continue with the shared Apple ID's
- When you log out of your Apple ID to start the switch, you are asked if you want to keep data on your device or delete it - Keep it!!



Questions?

Thank You!

