

VACCINE NEWS ROUNDUP



Pictured: In-car vaccinations are now available for eligible individuals with disabilities who have appointments at the Soka University Super POD site

- The County of Orange's (County's) Soka University Super Point of Dispensing (POD) site is now offering in-car vaccinations for eligible

individuals with disabilities who have appointments and are displaying vehicle placards or license plates

- The Othena website is now available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Vietnamese](#); Orange County (OC) residents and workers who are interested in receiving a vaccine at a County Super POD are encouraged to register on Othena to be notified of available appointments
- CalOptima seniors age 65 or older may receive the COVID-19 vaccine within the next few weeks through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Pilot Program](#), a joint effort between CalOptima and the OC Health Care Agency
- President Biden has [announced](#) increased vaccine supply, initial launch of the federal retail pharmacy program, and expansion of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement to states
- [Johnson & Johnson's](#) COVID-19 vaccine has been submitted for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA); if approved, the vaccine could help speed vaccination efforts in OC

VACCINE DASHBOARD

Othena Impact! in Orange County, California since Jan 1

Currently scheduling appointments for those registered on or before [January 19, 2021](#).



620,954

Patients Registered



169,286

Patients Vaccinated



186,761

Scheduled Appointments

VACCINE FACTS & TIPS



FACT: In large clinical trials, most side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine have been minor. When side effects occur, they typically last just a few days. A side effect or reaction isn't necessarily all bad; it may indicate that the body is building protection against the virus. [Learn more.](#)

How do I get vaccinated with Othena?

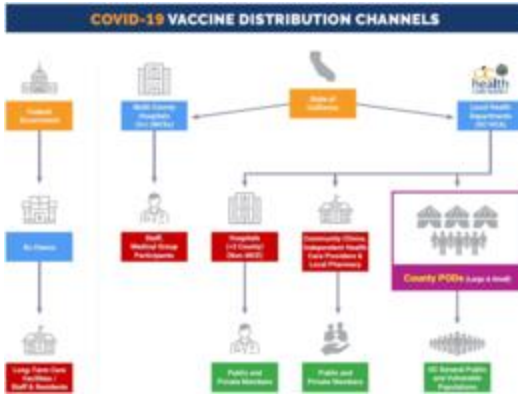
The infographic outlines the following steps:

- Register on Othena.com:** Visit the website, create an account, and verify your identity.
- Wait for a "Digital" Invite:** Once registered, you will receive a digital invitation to schedule an appointment.
- Get Your Appointment:** Select a convenient time and location for your vaccination.
- No Pre-reqs:** There are no pre-requirements for vaccination.
- Get Vaccinated & Release Following:** Arrive at the site, get vaccinated, and receive instructions for follow-up.
- How Supported & Encouraged:** The program is supported by various community and organizational resources.

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All OC residents and workers interested in receiving a vaccination at a County Super POD site are encouraged to register on Othena.com.

Simple step-by-step instructions on how to register with Othena are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Korean](#) and [Chinese \(simplified\)](#).



FACT: The large Multi-County Entity (MCE) hospitals, health systems, and pharmacies receive their vaccine allocation directly from the State of California. The smaller hospital systems, medical groups, and community clinics receive their vaccine allocation through the County, which continues to request additional vaccines from the State to exponentially expand access for the community. [Learn more.](#)



Here's what the OC community is saying about the vaccination experience:

Subject: Can't tell you how much we appreciated the drive thru vaccine 🙏
 Saturday. 40 minutes total. All the volunteers were extremely helpful pleasant and friendly. Can't say enough about their patience. Thanks for your kindness. Pat



Nikhil Kar @NikhilKar8

Feb 4 • 5:53 PM

@ochealth I was able to get an appointment today , registered her on January 15th. **Thanks** @ochealth !

Bless you all for providing this service to OC! I was there yesterday and it was just great! Everyone so nice & cheerful and most helpful!

People were awesome, place was clean, nice air flow, everyone masked, paperwork done on site, lots of information fast easy & life saving!

From the bottom of my heart,
Thank you for life! ❤️



S Belasco @SBelasco3

Feb 2 • 7:30 AM

@forgrands @ochealth The update and information on how you will be notified is a stress reliever. **Thank you** for making this clear to those who are waiting.

My wife and I had the most incredibly wonderful experience at the So^{ka} University Covid Virus inoculation site.

We could not believe the professional attitude of the staff. They had an army of people directing people from the street to the Soka gym where the inoculation was administered.

There were parking assistants, clearly worded directions for parking including disabled parking with volunteers every 20 feet directing traffic where to go for each step in the process.

At the gym, there were well secured lines prior to entering and preparing paper work directing to an area to receive the inoculation. At this point the nurse would evaluate the OK to administer the shot.

Personnel were available to help with any problems , if any, with OTHENA. These pleasant advisors were more than helpful especially with older residences and the disabled. Wheel chairs were available with guides to help.

The actual shot were administered by qualified nurses and nursing students. Registered Nurses reviewed all activities.

It would be difficult to improve on perfection.

Thanks Group Well Done

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