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COVID-19 VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AGES 65 AND OLDER

The County Health Officer announced on January 11 that all Orange County (OC) residents ages 65 and older are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

All residents eligible for vaccination must register and make an appointment through Othena at <https://othena.com/individuals.php> or by downloading the mobile app.



The success of the County's phased, tiered [vaccination plan](#) depends on everyone being patient and allowing priority groups to be vaccinated first. As the vaccine becomes more plentiful, additional appointments will become available, and eligibility will open up to other groups. Visit the [Othena website](#) or app to join the vaccine interest list.

**Vaccinations at the Disneyland Resort Super Pod Site are by appointment only through the Othena app. Those without an appropriate appointment and proper identification will be turned away.*



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AVOID COVID-19 VACCINE SCAMS

Tips from the Westminster Police Department



YOU WILL NOT BE ASKED FOR MONEY TO ENHANCE YOUR RANKING FOR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY.

You can't pay to have your name placed on a list nor to get early access to the vaccine.

GOVERNMENT & STATE OFFICIALS WILL NOT CALL YOU TO OBTAIN PERSONAL INFO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE.

Be cautious of unsolicited requests for your personal, medical, and financial information. No one should be asking for your social security number, bank account number, or credit card number.

IGNORE OFFERS FOR VACCINATIONS AND MIRACLE TREATMENTS OR CURES.

Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.



Scammers are using the coronavirus pandemic to benefit themselves. The personal information collected can be used to fraudulently bill federal health care programs and commit medical identity theft.

IF YOU SUSPECT COVID-19 HEALTH CARE FRAUD, REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY!

Visit www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/ or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

REPORT SCAM



TRÁNH LỪA ĐẢO THUỐC CHỨNG NGỪA COVID-19

**QUÝ VỊ SẼ KHÔNG BỊ HỎI TIỀN ĐỂ TĂNG THỨ
HẠNG TRONG DANH SÁCH ĐƯỢC TIÊM THUỐC
CHỨNG NGỪA.**

Quý vị không thể trả tiền để bỏ tên mình trong danh sách cũng như không được tiếp cận sớm với thuốc chủng ngừa.

**CÁC QUAN CHỨC CHÍNH PHỦ VÀ TIỂU BANG SẼ
KHÔNG GỌI CHO QUÝ VỊ ĐỂ LẤY THÔNG TIN CÁ
NHÂN ĐỂ NHẬN THUỐC CHỨNG NGỪA.**

Hãy thận trọng với những yêu cầu không mong muốn về thông tin cá nhân, y tế và tài chính của quý vị. Không ai được hỏi số an sinh xã hội, số tài khoản ngân hàng hoặc số thẻ tín dụng của quý vị, v.v.

**BỎ QUA CÁC ĐỀ NGHỊ TIÊM CHỨNG VÀ CÁC
PHƯƠNG PHÁP ĐIỀU TRỊ HOẶC CHỮA BỆNH
BẰNG PHÉP LẠ.**

Hãy nghi ngờ về bất kỳ cuộc gọi hoặc khách đến thăm bất ngờ nào mà đề nghị cung cấp các xét nghiệm hoặc vật dụng cho COVID-19. Những kẻ lừa đảo đang bán các sản phẩm điều trị hoặc phòng ngừa COVID-19 mà không có bằng chứng là chúng hiệu quả.

Những kẻ lừa đảo đang lợi dụng đại dịch coronavirus để kiếm lợi cho bản thân. Thông tin cá nhân thu thập được có thể được sử dụng để lập hóa đơn gian lận các chương trình chăm sóc sức khỏe liên bang và thực hiện hành vi trộm cắp danh tính y tế.

**NẾU BẠN NGHI NGỜ CÓ GIAN LẬN VỀ CHĂM
SÓC SỨC KHỎE LIÊN QUAN COVID-19, HÃY
BÁO CÁO NGAY LẬP TỨC!**

Truy cập www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/ hoặc gọi 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

EVITE LAS ESTAFAS DE LA VACUNA COVID-19

**NO SE LE PEDIRÁ DINERO PARA MEJORAR SU
CLASIFICACIÓN DE ELEGIBILIDAD PARA LA
VACUNA.**

No puede pagar para que su nombre sea colocado en una lista ni para obtener acceso anticipado a la vacuna.

**LOS FUNCIONARIOS GUBERNAMENTALES Y
ESTATALES NO LO LLAMARÁN PARA OBTENER
INFORMACIÓN PERSONAL PARA RECIBIR LA
VACUNA.**

Tenga cuidado con las solicitudes no solicitadas para su información personal, médica y financiera. Nadie debería estar pidiendo su número de seguro social, número de cuenta bancaria o número de tarjeta de crédito, etc.

**IGNORE LAS OFERTAS DE VACUNAS Y
TRATAMIENTOS MILAGROSOS O CURAS.**

Desconfíe de cualquier llamada inesperada o visitantes que ofrezcan pruebas o suministros COVID-19. Los estafadores están vendiendo productos para tratar o prevenir COVID-19 sin pruebas de que funcionan.

Los estafadores están utilizando la pandemia del coronavirus para beneficiarse. La información personal recopilada se puede utilizar para facturar fraudulentamente programas federales de atención médica y cometer robo de identidad médica

**SI SOSPECHA EL FRAUDE DE LA ASISTENCIA
MÉDICA COVID-19, ¡DENÚNCIALO
INMEDIATAMENTE!**

Visite www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/ o llame al 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



In anticipation of future needs, our Virtual Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC) is currently pre-registering volunteers interested in assisting government staff with COVID-19 vaccinations at Points of Distribution (POD) sites this year. The County of Orange is looking to establish two teams of volunteers willing to serve in these crucial volunteer roles:

Medical Trained Volunteers

- Medical licensed volunteers able to assist with vaccine preparation and distribution.
- **Currently licensed:** Physicians (MD, DO and MD/DO students), Nurses (RN, LVN and Nursing Students), Physician/Nursing Assistants, Dentists, Medical Assistants, Paramedics and EMTs.

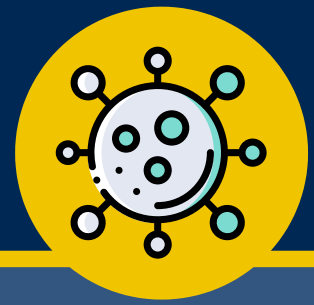
General Support Volunteers

- Volunteers able to assist in logistical support roles such as computer data entry, registration, traffic and other duties as assigned.

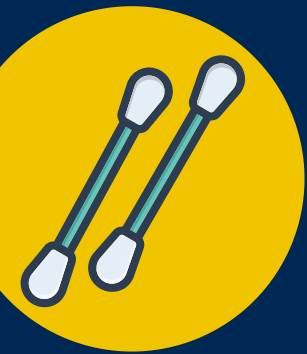
Volunteers, we need your help. In anticipation of future needs, please register at: <https://volunteers.oneoc.org/special-event/a1821000007VTf2>

Google Chrome is the best platform for access

FREE



Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



**FOR ALL ORANGE
COUNTY RESIDENTS!**



- At-home test kits are available at no cost for individuals who live in Orange County and are asymptomatic or have exposure concerns
- Home delivery test kits come with prepaid return shipping
- Orders will be fulfilled within 24-48 hours depending on the time your order is placed
- Patient portal, order request form, and registration are all available online
- Virtual clinical support is available through PWN Health Provider
- Daily limits may apply to meet service delivery times

***For more information and to request a kit, visit
occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing***

BUSINESS RESOURCES

Extended Tax Filing Deadline

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) is providing a three-month extension for businesses to file and pay their taxes and fees originally due between December 15, 2020, and April 30, 2021.

Taxpayers reporting less than \$1,000,000 in taxes and fees on a return originally due during this period are not required to seek an extension from CDTFA. Relief will be automatically provided.



California For All Business Resources

California and the federal government are providing broad assistance to small businesses and employers impacted by COVID-19. On this page you'll have access to information regarding available assistance, small business relief grants, employer policies and resources, federal financial assistance, and additional questions and answers.



Check out our "Local Business Resources" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



Your Westminster City Council



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Vice Mayor



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Carlos
Manzo
*Council
Member
District 2*



Kimberly
Ho
*Council
Member
District 3*

HIRING NOW

PLANNING TECHNICIAN

- Department: Community Development
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: 1/31/2021 at 11:59 PM

POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous

CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous



For more information, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster

Council Meeting Schedule

Special Meeting for Closed Session - January 18
Regular Meeting - January 27

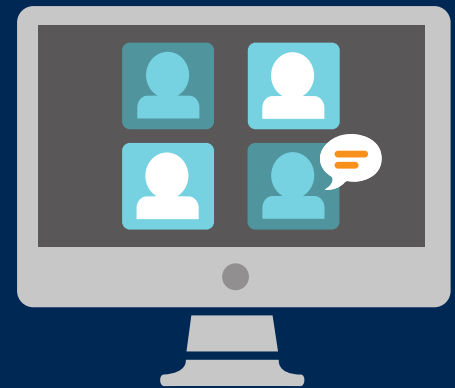
*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference

Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium for Residential Tenants

On August 31, 2020 a new California law - [The Tenant, Homeowner and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act of 2020](#) - took effect to provide relief to residential tenants.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Beginning February 1, 2021, tenants will have to pay the full amount of rent to be protected from eviction.

Beginning March 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt regardless of how much the tenant owes. [Read more here.](#)



Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

[City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at ochousing.org.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.



WCARES



RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Westminster received a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds to be used to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). On December 9, 2020, the Westminster City Council approved funding of CDBG-CV3 funds to provide limited rental assistance to qualified Westminster residents financially impacted due to COVID-19.

Applications must be submitted to the City by January 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be selected by a lottery system and application approval is subject to funding availability. For more information visit www.bit.ly/WCARES.

*If you've previously received 3 months of WCARES rental assistance, you will not be eligible for additional assistance.



City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

What is a Housing Element?

The Housing Element is a section of the City's General Plan that looks at housing needs and conditions within Westminster. It is a policy document that identifies goals, policies and programs that the City uses to direct and guide actions related to housing.

Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every 8 years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, the types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster.

How can I get involved?

Take the community survey. We want your input on Housing in Westminster.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC> **(English)**
- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=es_US **(Spanish)**
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=vi> **(Vietnamese)**



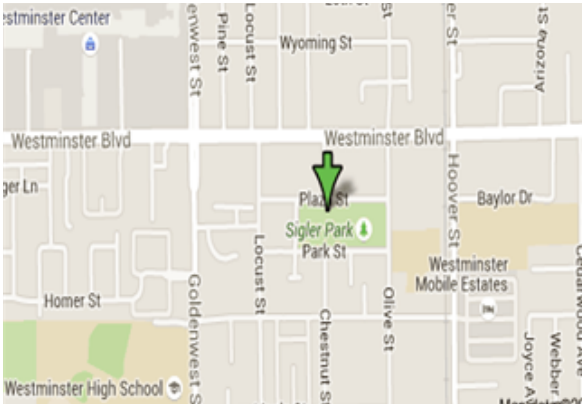
Hours of Operation

**Monday through
Friday**

**Appointment Only:
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

**Westminster Family
Resource Center**



**Located at Sigler Park
7200 Plaza St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

**General Information:
714.903.1331**

Partners



COMMUNITY SERVICES

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NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

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Virtual Recreation Center

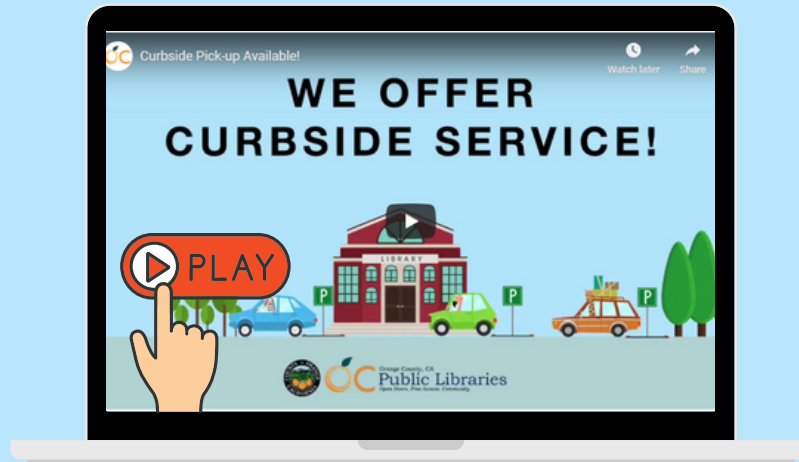


Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

Check back weekly 
for themed activities!

CONTACTLESS CURBSIDE PICK-UP NEW HOURS!

TUESDAY-THURSDAY | 12PM - 6PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY | 10AM - 4PM



1



PLACE ITEMS ON HOLD
ONLINE
CATALOG.OCPL.ORG

2



DRIVE TO THE LIBRARY WHEN
YOU RECEIVE NOTICE THAT
YOUR ITEMS ARE READY

3



CALL THE NUMBER
ON THE SIGN WHEN
YOU ARRIVE

4



WAIT FOR STAFF TO
PLACE ITEMS ON TABLE
& RETURN INSIDE
BEFORE RETRIEVING

5



ENJOY YOUR READING!

6



RETURN ITEMS
TO BOOKDROP
WHEN DONE



PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

SMOKE ALARMS



Almost two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. Protect your family by installing smoke alarms, inspecting them regularly, and practicing home fire drills.



Working smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%.



Orange County
Fire Authority
ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Install

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways outside bedrooms or sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Make sure they are at least 10 feet from the stove and 3 feet from doors leading to the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- Keep smoke alarms away from bathrooms with tubs or showers, heating or cooling ducts or vents, and ceiling or whole-house fans.
- Check the back for the manufacture date and replace all alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- It's safest to use both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms. Ionization alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires.
- Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Inspect

- Test all smoke alarms once a month.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well.

Protect

- Draw a home escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if they hear it.
- Practice home fire drills at least twice a year.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM OCMVCD

Prevent Tick Bites

- *Stay on groomed trails*
- *Wear long-sleeved clothing*
- *Wear light colored clothing, so ticks can be easily seen and removed*
- *Tuck pants into socks or boots*
- *Apply repellent to prevent bites*



Orange County
Mosquito and Vector Control District

A Public Health Agency Serving Orange County Since 1947

Did you know...

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Buildings are currently closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services.

For general assistance, call (714) 898-3311.

The IRS and Treasury are now delivering the second round of economic impact payments. For more information, [click here](#).

You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**14451 Cedarwood Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683**

For more details, call (714) 893-3553.

There are no changes to the street sweeping schedule for the rest of January.

The Westminster Police Department will be issuing street sweeping parking citations.

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS

A red circular icon with a white border and a gear-like pattern, containing the text "COVID-19 UPDATES" in white.

**BEHIND-THE-WHEEL
DRIVE TESTS
SUSPENDED**

The logo for the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), featuring the letters "DMV" in a stylized font with "STATE OF CALIFORNIA" above and "DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES" below.

VISIT US ONLINE [DMV.CA.GOV](https://www.dmv.ca.gov)

An illustration of a blue checklist with a yellow pencil pointing to a checked item and a traffic light icon.A stylized green and blue icon of a coronavirus particle.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &
RESOURCES**

[www.projectwestminster.com/
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)

A stylized green and blue icon of a coronavirus particle.A red sign with four white arrows pointing right, mounted on a grey post.

**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](https://www.octa.net/405map)

An illustration of a white and orange striped construction barrier on a yellow base.