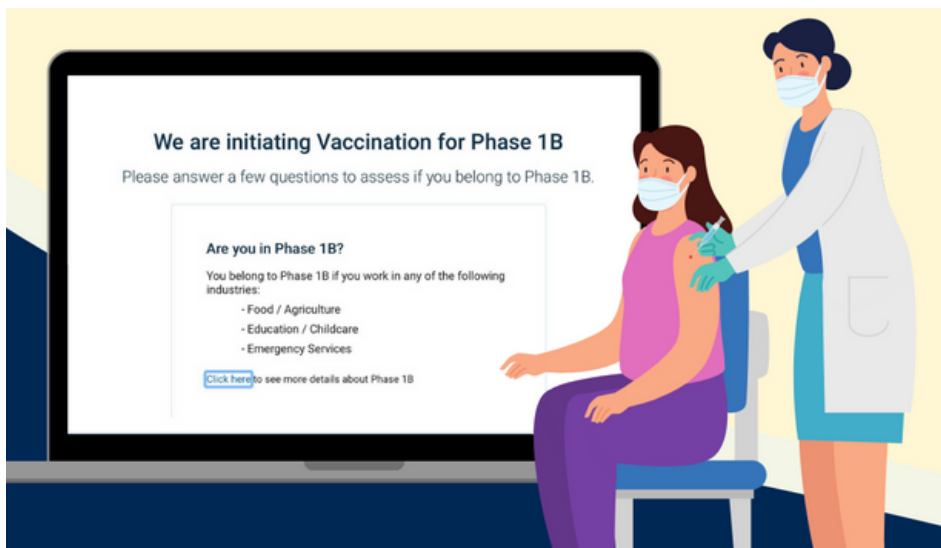


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ORANGE COUNTY OPENS UP VACCINATION FOR PHASE 1B (TIER 1)



Based on State guidelines, people in Phase 1B (Tier 1) are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, including educators, food service workers, grocery and agriculture workers, child care providers, and emergency service personnel. The ability to offer these groups appointments will be based on vaccine eligibility. For those already registered in Othena, please log-in to your account and you will be prompted to confirm if you work in one of these professions and placed in the waiting room. If you have any questions, call the COVID-19 Hotline at (714)834-2000.

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Orange County Coronavirus Update

Current Status (2/19/21): Purple Tier

- **Restaurants**
 - Take-out or outdoor only with modifications
- **Places of Worship**
 - May reopen indoors with modifications, limited to 25% capacity
- **Shopping Centers**
 - Indoor capacity must be limited to 25% for shopping malls, destination shopping centers, and swap meets
 - Closed common areas
 - Closed food courts
- **Retail**
 - Retail capacity must be limited to 25%
 - Grocery store capacity may remain limited to 50%
- **Hair Salons and Barbershops**
 - May reopen indoors with modifications
- **Personal Care Services (e.g. nail salons, body waxing, tattoo parlors, piercing studios, skin care and cosmetology, massage services)**
 - May remain reopen indoors with modifications
- **Gyms and Fitness Facilities**
 - Outdoor only with modifications
- **Movie Theaters**
 - Outdoor only with modifications
- **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports**
 - **Some outdoor moderate-contact sports permitted. Higher-contact outdoor sports may be permitted, subject to additional requirements. Guidance available at [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov).**

Questions?



COVID-19 Hotline
(714) 834-2000



Health Referral Line
(800) 564-8448

Visit www.westminster-ca.gov/permits to apply for a temporary outdoor business or dining permit.

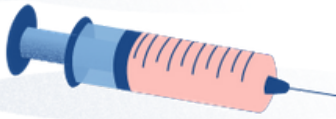
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Your Actions Save Lives



Vaccines are in very short supply.

Get Notified When It's Time to Book Your Appointment.



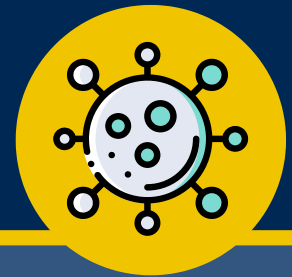
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000.

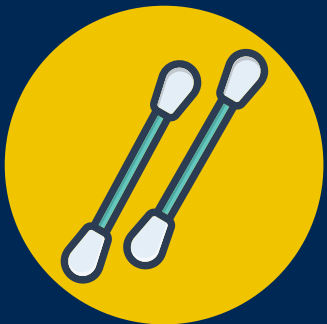
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week.



FREE



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



FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS
[Click here to order yours!](#)



BUSINESS RESOURCES

COVID-19 Employer Portal

Employers can lead the way to a safer workplace and protect their business and workers. The saferatwork.covid19.ca.gov employer portal is a one-stop hub for California employers to quickly find up-to-date state and local county COVID-19 guidance by business industry.



Customized Guidance

Generate a tailored road map based on answers to a few questions about your business type, county of operation, and compliance practices already in place. Your road map will provide guidance relevant to your business industry as well as online trainings, links to helpful resources, and more.



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



HIRING NOW



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

BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020*

Sales Tax and Transaction Use Tax

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$15,133,600	\$5,611,056	37.10%	\$5,664,357	(\$53,301)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	4,566,083	38.40%	4,551,873	14,210
	\$27,016,600	\$10,177,139	37.70%	\$10,216,230	(\$39,092)

Expenditures

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$64,507,329	\$38,236,366	59.30%	\$36,737,448	\$1,498,917

Current revenue projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted.

Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts totals shown in the table above represent four months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is still a very early estimate as we have only received the 4 months of receipts for FY 2020-21; however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted.

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 2nd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$1.5 million over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment was necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting - March 10

Regular Meeting - March 24

*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference.
[Click here to view agendas.](#)

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.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On January 29, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

[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

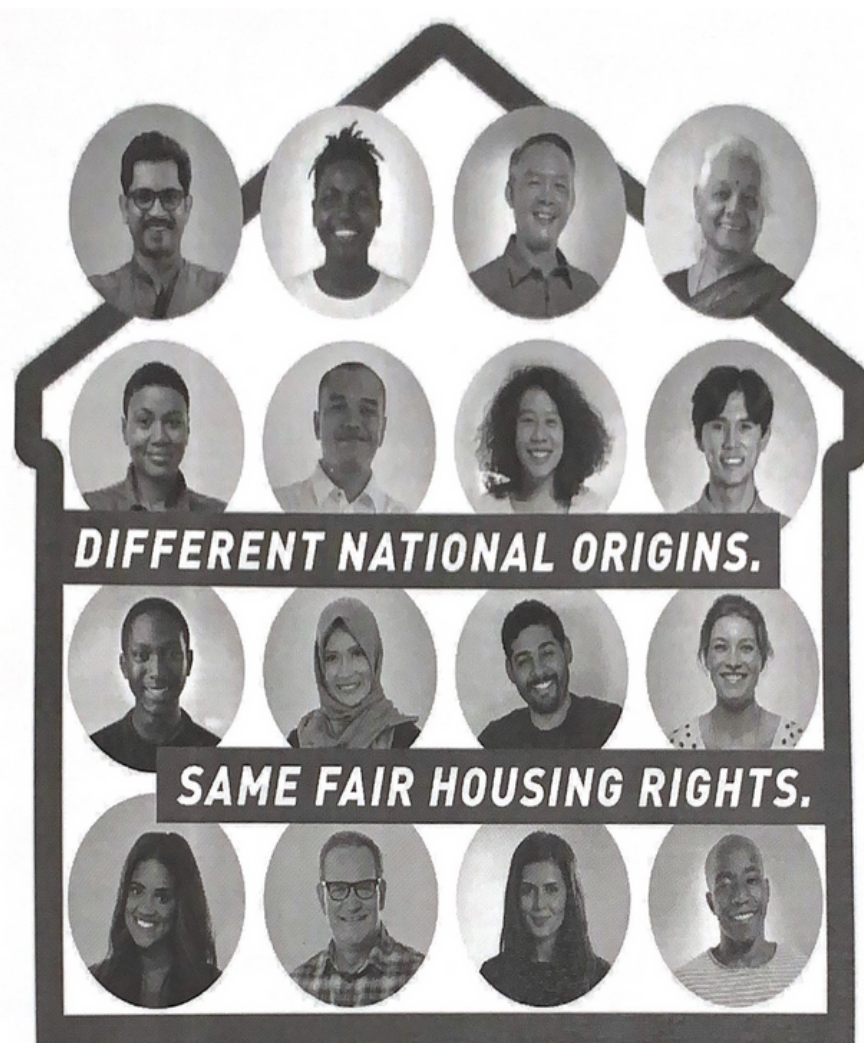
If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[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.



FAIR HOUSING: THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE.



It is illegal for landlords and real estate agents to deny you housing opportunities because of your ethnicity. The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on national origin.

If you believe you have experienced a violation of your rights, file a complaint.

Go to www.FHFCA.org for more information or call our Fair Housing Assistance Hotline at 1-800-446-3247.



The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability.



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

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



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 eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, 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. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



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





WIC helps homeless families get healthy foods

Don't have regular housing or a stable address? WIC is committed to serving homeless individuals and families by offering shelf stable foods for people who do not have access to a kitchen or fridge. With the California WIC Card, families can buy what they need each time they shop.

WIC will work with homeless individuals and families who have trouble providing proof of residence, income, or identification when applying for the program. WIC also offers breastfeeding support, nutrition education, and referrals for community resources, including housing.

Visit the [MyFamily.wic.ca.gov](https://www.myfamily.wic.ca.gov) website to find the nearest WIC office or grocery stores near you.

You can contact 714-896-7375 for more information on WIC services (including referrals) for unhoused individuals and families.

Need help now? Dial 2-1-1 for more help with finding housing, shelter, or staying in your home.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

NAMI Orange County's programs and events are now held virtually.



 **NAMI** Orange County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Basics

**CLASSES EVERY
THURSDAY VIA ZOOM**

**MARCH 18 -
APRIL 22, 2021
6:30PM - 8:30PM**

Basics is a NO-COST,
6-week educational program for **parents and
caregivers of children and teens** who are
living with a **mental health diagnosis.**

THE BENEFITS

- ✔ Taught by trained leaders with lived experience
- ✔ Topics include: Coping strategies, self-care, advocacy, etc.
- ✔ Open conversation with others who share an understanding

**To register, visit namioc.org/family-members
or contact (714) 544-8488**

ABRAZAR FREE VIRTUAL TAX FILING!

If your household income was *less than \$64,000 in 2020*
you can file your taxes for free.

If your household income was *less than \$56,844 in 2020* you may
qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

WHAT WILL I NEED TO PREPARE MY TAXES?

- Photo ID
- Social Security Card or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification #) for each family member, Joint returns - both spouses present
- W-2S, 1099S & all other tax-related documents for 2020
- Form 1095-A Health Insurance Coverage Statement (if had Covered CA)
- Childcare provider information: name, address and Tax ID number (if available)
- 1098 E&T forms for educational expenses (if applicable)
- For direct deposit, a voided check or savings account statement with routing number



HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE EITC?

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident
 - Have a valid social security number
 - Have earned income for 2020
 - Earned less than \$56,844
- Cannot use "married filing separately" filing status
Cannot be claimed as a qualifying child
Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555EZ (for foreign income)
Cannot have more than \$3,600 in investment income

ABRAZAR FREE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TAX DAYS!

- DATES:
1. Saturday, February 20, 2021
 2. Saturday, February 27, 2021
 3. Saturday, March 13, 2021
 4. Saturday, March 20, 2021
 5. Saturday, April 03, 2021
 6. Saturday, April 10, 2021

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT TIMES: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

VIRTUAL LOCATION: www.getyourrefund.org/abrazar

PROCESS INFORMATION bit.ly/AbrazarFreeVirtualTaxPreparation

1. Visit our website at www.getyourrefund.org/abrazar to start the tax process
2. Select "get started"
3. Select "file with help"
4. Answer proceeding questions (make sure to only choose 2020 as we are not helping with other years)
5. Upload required documents
6. Abrazar will contact you to confirm receipt and with any related questions.
7. You will be assigned an appointment date on which Abrazar will complete your taxes. Please be available between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM via phone on the assigned date in the event of any questions.
8. Abrazar will email your e-file consent form with a tax summary.
9. Upon receipt of the signed consent form, we will electronically file your taxes and send you your final version of your tax return.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter



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!



WOW

WIFI ON WHEELS

MARCH 2021

DEMILLE ELEMENTARY

15400 VAN BUREN STREET,
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY

6952 HOOD DRIVE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SCHMITT ELEMENTARY

7200 TRASK AVENUE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY

7122 MAPLE STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SID GOLDSTEIN FREEDOM PARK

14180 ALL AMERICAN WAY
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

FREE WIFI!

GET CONNECTED!

OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS

VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS

ocpl.org/virtualprograms



PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

DRYER SAFETY



The leading cause of home dryer fires is failure to clean them. Fires can occur if there is a build-up of lint in the dryer or the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air which can cause excessive heat build-up, resulting in fire.



Every year firefighters across the U.S. respond to approximately 15,050 home fires caused by dryers.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Dryer Safety Tips

- Keep your dryer in good working condition. Gas dryers should be installed and inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connections are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions for your dryer.
- Keep the dryer area clear of all combustibles.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with a rigid, non-ribbed metal duct. This provides maximum air flow and reduces fire risk.
- Make sure your dryer's air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is operating.

Things to Remember

- Do not use a dryer that doesn't have a lint filter.
- Clean the lint filter before or after drying each load of laundry. Be sure to clean behind the dryer where lint can build up.
- If laundry is still damp at the end of the drying cycle, or if drying requires a longer time than normal, this may be a sign that the lint filter or exhaust duct is blocked.
- Don't dry items that have come in contact with anything flammable such as alcohol, cooking oils, or gasoline. Dry these items outdoors or in a well-ventilated area away from heat.
- Never overload your dryer.
- Turn your dryer off if you leave your house or when you go to bed.
- If you plan to be away from home for a long period of time, unplug or disconnect your dryer.

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.

There are no changes to the trash pickup schedule in March. [Click here](#) for more information on trash pickup from Midway City Sanitary District.

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.

Need to pay your water bill in person? City Hall is currently closed to the public, but you can visit our Corporation Yard!

**Westminster Corporation Yard
14381 Olive St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

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



405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

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