

## **From COVID to Independence 2.3.21 Vaccine FAQs**

### ***Can people with disabilities get a vaccine? Can someone come to their home to administer the vaccine?***

As of today, the vaccine is not available to transport to people who are homebound as the vaccine needs to be stored at extremely low temperatures. With additional companies close to getting approval on their COVID-19 vaccines, it could eventually be possible to make house calls as new vaccines on the horizon do not have to be refrigerated.

### ***Why does LA County offer drive-thru vaccinations and not Orange County?***

The County is looking to implement a drive-thru pilot program at a later date.

### ***If I get the vaccine, do I still need to take precautions?***

Yes. You still need to take precautions – wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. Especially now that there are new strains of COVID-19 from Brazil, the UK and South Africa, you must protect your friends and family until everyone has had the vaccine.

### ***Is the County providing vaccination data by city?***

Yes. Each County is required to upload its data to the State. The County of Orange does this once a week.

### ***If an Orange County resident travels by air to another state, and that resident has already received both doses of either vaccine, on returning to Orange County, will the resident be required to quarantine?***

As of yet, the State has not given the County of Orange an answer on this. We do know that there are systems being developed that will show you got vaccinated – like on your passport. Currently, John Wayne Airport offers COVID-19 testing as well.

### ***What is the priority for the over 65 group to receive the vaccine?***

Currently, the County is focusing on serving the first tier of people 75 and older and those ages 65 to 74 with existing health conditions. The County will then serve folks 65 and up with no serious health conditions. We ask that you be patient as we serve the community to the best of our ability.

### ***How was Othena selected?***

Back in September, the County knew a vaccine was coming and spoke with six different app developers to find a solution. The County needed a comprehensive app that would register and vet people, keep track, etc. and selected Othena because of their long history in working with the Department of Justice and Veterans Affairs.

***If you had COVID-19, do I still need to get the vaccine?***

Yes. Even if you have had COVID-19, we recommend still getting the vaccine.

***I got an e-mail saying to schedule an appointment (vs saying I was in the waiting room, but when you put in a date nothing works. Why not just keep saying you are in the waiting room?***

We advise you call the County's vaccine helpline if you have that problem at (714) 628-7085. In addition, we recommend that you check your spam folder in your email.