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Orland Township Offers Tips to Seniors Attempting to Schedule COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady offers suggestions to assist those seniors who are having difficulty scheduling appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

"The first thing is, please be patient," said Supervisor O'Grady. "Currently, there is a limited supply of vaccines and with more than 375,000 people in Group 1B in Cook County alone, many will not get an appointment immediately after registering."

Seniors should register with Cook County's Community Vaccination Program. This can be done two ways: by going to vaccine.cookcountyl.gov and filling out the online form or by calling the Cook County Vaccine Hotline, **833-308-1988**. Registering online is highly recommended as there may be long wait times calling the hotline.

After supplying the required information, residents receive a confirmation either by email or text. Seniors who are not comfortable with technology should ask a trusted family member or friend to assist them with this process.

After registering with the Cook County Community Vaccination Program, residents will receive notification of appointments as they become available, via the communication method selected during registration.

"The first appointment offered may not be at the location closest to your home," said O'Grady. "However, if possible, I recommend accepting the appointment. Turning down an appointment may result in a longer wait to receive the vaccine."

Seniors living in Orland Township can request a ride to their vaccine appointments through the Township's Senior Transportation department. Orland Township senior residents requesting transportation to the Tinley Park Convention Center vaccine supersite will be charged the in-Township rate of \$6 roundtrip. Ride requests should be made as soon as possible after making the appointment by calling the Township at (708) 403-4222.

Seniors may also want to check with the personal health care provider about receiving the vaccine. DuPage Medical Group patients can register through their "MyChart" account.

When visiting local merchants with a pharmacy, inquire with the pharmacist if the vaccine is currently available at that location.

“As vaccine availability increases, so will appointments,” said O’Grady. “We all just have to be patient, keep trying to schedule and keep wearing our masks.”

To view a senior tip sheet on scheduling a vaccination appointment, visit the Orland Township website, orlandtownship.org.

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