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'Together We Vaxed': Orland Township, in Partnership with Jewel-Osco, Arranges COVID-19 Vaccine for Nearly 500 Local Seniors

Seniors Arriving Monday and Tuesday at Victor J. Andrew High School to Receive First Dose of Vaccine; Second Dose Scheduled for March 22 and 23

Nearly 500 local seniors are receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Monday and Tuesday, March 1 and 2, at Victor J. Andrew High School, thanks to the joint effort of Orland Township and Jewel-Osco.

Orland Township over the last week managed the registration process for all the seniors, relieving them of the burden of navigating a system that for some can be overwhelming. Jewel-Osco is administering the vaccine to the residents as they arrive at the Tinley Park high school.

"The health and safety of seniors residing in Orland Township is paramount and we are glad to have the chance to help them reach the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and as safely as possible," Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady said. "We also are grateful for the efforts of Jewel-Osco, which quickly made available enough of the vaccine to cover nearly 500 people."

Supervisor O'Grady, who visited the site on Monday, added: "Together we vaxed."

Indeed, participating seniors were pleased with the experience.

"It was so quick and very professional," said Holly Tocci of Orland Park. "Everything was set up with social distancing and ran very efficiently."

Audrey Heitman of Tinley Park said: "It all went smoothly. My friends and I are all very grateful to Supervisor O'Grady and Orland Township for making sure we could all get vaccinated."

The seniors vaccinated Monday, all 65 or older and residents of Orland Township, will receive the second dose of the vaccine on Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23.

Orland Township also is working diligently to arrange other partnerships to boost its vaccine supply. Township residents 65 and older who have not already scheduled an appointment to receive the vaccine from a different provider are encouraged to click on the following link and complete the form:

<https://orlandtownship.org/covid-19-seniors-registration-form/>

All eligible residents completing the form will be prioritized based on the order in which their requests are received and will be contacted if and when additional doses become available.

Orland Township also has partnered with Parkview Christian Church to assist senior residents with registering for the COVID-19 vaccine through Cook County's portal and is offering COVID-19 vaccine updates as developments warrant. For additional details, please visit orlandtownship.org.

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Photo Caption:

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (right) with Christina Ruth Dion, Osco Pharmacist and Coordinator of the Jewel Osco-Orland Township vaccine event and Mike Murphy, Head Dean at Andrew High School.

