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## **Orland Township Strike Force Responds to Vaccine Availability Concerns**

*Township and Jewel Osco join forces to vaccinate nearly 500 seniors in two days*

Over the course of two days, Orland Township, in partnership with Jewel Osco pharmacy, administered the much sought after COVID-19 vaccine to nearly 500 senior residents, according to the office of Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

The two-day event, which was held at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, was held in response to concerns expressed by seniors about the difficulty in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine.

"Orland Township formed the Strike Force to coordinate resources with other local officials, businesses and organizations to best serve the residents of the Township," said O'Grady. "We heard our residents' concerns, came up with, and implemented a solution."

O'Grady thanked Jewel Osco for their commitment to residents and also credited Township nurses, who put on their caps and sprang into action, assisting at the vaccination event.

"Everyone involved, staff and community members, were all so appreciative and kind," said Township nurse Maggie McNicholas, R.N. "It was a very well-run event, and I am just happy I was able to be a part of it. It's a great feeling to be a part of the solution."

Township nurse Diane Egan, R.N. added, "The partnership between Orland Township and Jewel Osco to provide COVID vaccines at Andrew High School was organized very well. Everyone was knowledgeable and professional in the administering of the vaccines. I was proud to be a part of this undertaking to assist the residents of Orland Township."

The seniors vaccinated Monday and Tuesday, 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](http://orlandtownship.org).

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**Photo Caption:**

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (right) with Township Nurse Diane Egan, R.N. who administered vaccines at the Orland Township - Jewel Osco senior vaccine event recently held at Victor J. Andrew High School.

