



The OpEd OC Register Didn't Publish

by Vice Chairman Do and Supervisor Wagner

In a recent editorial, the Register faulted the County and its Board of Supervisors for supposedly being “insufficiently forthright in publicizing” Covid information. The charge is manifestly false. Here is some information the Register ignored; we

provided it to them and were promised it would publish last weekend, however, it went unpublished. You deserve to know the full story.

As the following list makes clear, with links to county resources available to all citizens and to the Register editorial board, the County and all five members of the Board of Supervisors remain committed to providing accessible and transparent Covid information to help all of Orange County stay informed.

General Information: The county Health Care Agency (HCA) website, ocCovid19.ochealthinfo.com, is accessible to the public and provides links to case counts, including equity initiatives, health officer orders, general FAQs, and the latest daily updates. Links to prevention, which include information for unvaccinated individuals, information for vaccinated individuals, and testing information. This site also provides the public with information on how and where to get tested, the latest vaccine news, where vaccinations are available, vaccine taskforce meeting information, the current number of vaccines administered in OC, vaccine aftercare, and vaccine effectiveness. The site also includes mental health information.

Covid Numbers: HCA updates the county's Covid numbers daily (case data reported each day has approximately a one-day delay from the time HCA receives reports from CalREDIE until reported on the website). Other information available includes Covid cases in schools and Covid cases by city. This information is accessible to the public and can be found at:

<https://ocCovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc>

HCA Press Releases: The HCA also distributes a weekly Press Release with current Covid information, usually on Fridays. These Press Releases are available to the public at: <https://ocCovid19.ochealthinfo.com/#LatestNews>

CEO/HCA Media Briefings: County CEO Frank Kim and County Health Officer Clayton Chau hold weekly media briefing conference calls on Fridays to provide media outlets with an update on the county's Covid-19 response, and any new orders from the State Public Health Officer. The media briefing is also the place where media outlets can ask questions of CEO Kim and Dr. Chau, which many media outlets, including reporters from the Register, have actively participated in. Our offices are provided with the dial-in information which we will gladly share with the Register editorial board or the public upon request.

Additional Covid Briefings: In order to keep other community leaders fully informed, Dr. Chau and his staff have a weekly conference call with all OC School District Superintendents and a bi-weekly conference call with OC Mayors. HCA also updates us and our colleagues by email on a weekly basis, usually on Thursday evenings or Friday mornings, to keep the Board members and our staff apprised of vaccination information and all other Covid issues. This email, along with the weekly numbers, are then posted on the OC Health Care [Agency's Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Public Messages: HCA has shared approximately 6,195 Covid-related social media posts, averaging out to over 300 per month since March 2020 to date. In addition, weekly press conferences were held to inform both the public and media outlets of the latest news regarding the pandemic; county officials were present to provide updates and answer questions. Access the Agency's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts to receive these updates.

Public Hotline: The OC Covid-19 Hotline is available to answer questions about vaccine-related issues, including booking appointments, location selection, or assistance with transportation. Live operators are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (714) 834-2000.

We urge the Register editorial board to keep this list handy for whenever it feels the need to get more information. Also, the Register can – and has many times – call our offices if it feels the need to speak with an elected official to get more information.

The Board's prior Chairwoman, Michelle Steel, came under criticism in the past for using county Covid press conferences supposedly to bolster her successful run for Congress. That charge has since been leveled at Supervisor Katrina Foley, who faces an election next year and is the only Supervisor currently holding regular press conferences. The Register lauds her while ignoring the underlying political motive.

But the issue of whether there is a political component to daily press conferences aside, county leadership clearly remains committed to providing Orange County residents with the latest information on the effects of Covid in our community and with the resources available to you to keep yourself and your family safe. The editorial board is just wrong in contending that the county is not "forthcoming." We continue robust outreach to inform the public on the course of the disease.



Supervisor Wagner Ensures Proper Child Seat Installations are More Accessible to the Public

(SANTA ANA, CA) – As a director of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Supervisor Wagner spearheaded the adoption of a new policy to ensure proper car seat installations are available at OCFA stations. The item was initially brought forward by Supervisor Wagner at the July 22, 2021 meeting, where he requested data on the feasibility of installation and inspection of child safety seats by fire authority personnel at various fire stations. Supervisor Wagner's item ensures that County fire stations are staffed with certified car seat technicians, ready and available to serve the public.

OCFA discontinued installing child safety car seats approximately 20 years ago. Because of ongoing advancements in child car seat technology, constant training was required on all the various new car seat models, as well as additional product knowledge. Certification courses were eventually developed by the regulatory body and required to install any child safety seat.

U.S. statistics indicate that 3 out of every 4 car seats are being used incorrectly. Car seat recommendations are based on a child's age and size, along with the specific type recommended for a particular vehicle.

With the Supervisor's new policy, fire stations are anticipated to have certified

staff on hand for better service to our constituents. Supervisor Wagner believes staffing each County fire department with at least one certified car seat technician can greatly improve parents' ability to provide more safety and security for their young children.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ORANGE COUNTY 3RD DISTRICT JOB FAIR



ATTENTION JOBSEEKERS! CALLING ALL EMPLOYERS!

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2021
10 AM - 2 PM**

**IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE
5500 IRVINE CENTER DR, IRVINE, CA 92618
PARKING IS FREE AND ON-SITE**

**REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION IS FREE
TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.OCONESTOP.COM/JOBFAIRS**



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ORANGE COUNTY, CA — Looking forward to hosting our Third District Job Fair. Please share if you know anyone looking for a job or any employers seeking talent. <http://OConestop.com/jobfairs>.

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Arts

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Country Fair

THE SOUR YEAR
Entertainment (INCLUDED) Entertainment

Sat.- Oct 9th

Open
10AM

Sun.- Oct 10th

11:00AM - 12:00

School of Rock

12:20 - 1:20

Levy G

1:30 - 2:30

The Brother Jonathan

3:00 - 4:00

Robin & Norman & Friends

4:30 - 5:30

Midlife Vices - Coverband

6:00 - 7:00

The James Kelly Band

7:00 - 8:00

Brett Davis

8:30 - 10:00

Hemp String Orchestra

11:00AM - 12:00

the Brandys

12:30 - 2:30

Conspiracy Radio

3:00 - 4:00

Ukulele Music

4:30 - 6:00

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Sound by

Matt Borden

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Silverado CA

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BE WELL TOGETHER: **Community Action for Suicide Prevention**

A virtual 2-day conference will bring together the Orange County community to raise awareness and share resources on suicide prevention.

Keynote Speakers:

Day 1: Keris Myrick, MS, MBA, Director at the Jed Foundation;
Co-Director of The Mental Health Strategic Impact Initiative

Day 2: Dr. Christine Moutier, American Foundation for Suicide
Prevention

Register now!

Oct 14 - 15, 2021, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/CSPIConference>

No Cost Event

**Join Us at the "Out of the Darkness Walk"
October 16 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

For a time of healing and awareness, we invite all conference attendees to join us at the AFSP Out of the Darkness Orange County California Walk at Saddleback Church, virtually, or in your own neighborhood.

Register at: afsp.org/orangecountywalk

RECOGNITIONS



Special shout to Steve Kerrigan, Mike Boeck, Mary Schreiber and Tom Koutroulis (Director at OC Waste & Recycling) for your extra help at the Canyon Clean-Up Event

SILVERADO CANYON, CA – Supervisor Wagner extends a big thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the annual Canyon Clean-Up Event. We appreciated all the neighbors who came together, sprucing up their properties and our canyon areas as one community. Eliminating dry debris and creating defensible space helps keep our shared canyon spaces fire safe. Supervisor Wagner also recognizes County staff and [@ocwaste](#) for coordinating the large dumpsters to collect all the materials.



ORANGE, CA – Congrats Tabu Shabu on its grand opening; we wish it many years of prosperity. Team Wagner Field Representative, Pat Buttress, was honored to present the new establishment with a Certificate of Recognition at the Orange Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. We encourage supporting small businesses wherever possible. Plus, dining and shopping local keep tax dollars in our community.

Thanks for reading!

Supervisor Don Wagner is proud to represent nearly 600,000 diverse residents in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, Orange, the unincorporated canyons, and Yorba Linda. Team Wagner is honored to serve you.

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