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## 'End of COVID-19 is in sight'

O.C. officials express optimism at the new Disneyland vaccine distribution center, which may soon be able to give out 7,000 doses daily.

BY SARA CARDINE

Ten grueling months into the coronavirus pandemic — which has so far infected nearly 200,000 Orange County residents and claimed 2,179 lives — county leaders on Wednesday dared to dream an end to the devastation may finally be in sight.

County supervisors joined with health and public safety agency representatives on the Disneyland lot in Anaheim, where a COVID-19 vaccine distribution center began earlier that day dosing first responders, healthcare professionals and residents 65 and older.

Officials anticipate the “super POD” (point of distribution) will soon be able to distribute 7,000 doses of the vaccine per day with the ability to ramp up as more supplies become available.

“Today marks an important step in combating COVID-19 and reclaiming our lives and livelihoods from the grip of the pandemic,” Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Andrew Do said in a news conference. “With these vaccines, we will triumph and overcome the biggest challenge of our generation.”

Officials have teamed with the Orange County Fire Authority to oversee the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations in an effort dubbed “Operation Independence,” as the goal is to see most county residents vaccinated by the Fourth of July.

“That means businesses can open. That means children go back to school and get the education they need and the experience they’re lacking,” Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee said Wednesday.

Smaller sites in Anaheim and Irvine that had been vaccinating first responders and eligible residents prior to the opening of the super POD were closed to accommodate the countywide shift to the Disneyland super POD.

One remaining facility at a Huntington Beach fire training center will continue to offer vaccines to the public

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**NURSE** Karen L. Simerlink prepares a dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the Central Net Training Center in Huntington Beach.



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**KAREN PIERCE** walks near Emerald Bay in Laguna Beach. Pierce, 65, has entered this year's Sports Illustrated swimsuit competition.

## 'Age does not define you'

When she turned 65 in October, Laguna Beach resident Karen Pierce decided to enter the Sports Illustrated swimsuit competition.

BY MATT SZABO

Karen Pierce woke up on Oct. 19, 2020, and went on Instagram.

The day was not unique, except it was the day after the Laguna Beach resident's 65th birthday. Not that any of her friends knew that.

Pierce said she had always “flat-out lied” about her age, claiming that she was years younger. Nobody's hurt by a little fib, right?

While on social media that October day, Pierce saw that Sports Illustrated had started its annual Swimsuit Search competition.

“I was laying in bed,” Pierce said. “I thought, ‘That’s what I’m going to do for my birthday. I’m going to enter the Sports Illustrated swimsuit competition, and I’m

going to have to tell the world that I’m 65.’

“It was really empowering. It was like I carried this burden for so many years, being ashamed of my age and hiding from it.”

Pierce, a single mother of two originally from England (her first name is pronounced “Caw-ren”), has lived in Orange County since 1985. Like most people, 2020 had been a tough year.

Her business selling high-end luxury items and women's accessories wasn't doing well.

“The only thing I was selling was slippers,” she said with a laugh. “I did a roaring trade in slippers.”

Her teenagers Alexandra, now 19, and Nico, 17, were forced home from school,

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— **Karen Pierce**  
Laguna Beach resident

## Newport Beach council approves revisions in harbor code for marine activities permits

BY LILLY NGUYEN

All new commercial activities in Newport Harbor will now be required to obtain a marine activities permit. No exemptions.

Newport Beach City Council members approved in a 5-1 vote the recommended changes and additional revisions that cropped up during discussion of the permits, which are required of businesses that operate or partially operate on the water.

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon cast the lone dissenting vote. Councilman Marshall “Duffy” Duffield recused himself.

Assistant City Manager Carol Jacobs said during a study



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City Council approved changes to a section of the city's Harbor Code that deals with marine activities permits, which are required of businesses that operate or partially operate on the water.

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session prior to the meeting that marine activities permits are a way to manage the har-

bor and its growth to minimize its impact on the harbor businesses and the residential

community surrounding it.

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## Laguna Beach extends life of Promenade on Forest

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Promenade on Forest in Laguna Beach opened to the public nearly seven months ago, born out of the struggles of local businesses desperate from the hardship and restrictions brought on because of the coronavirus pandemic.

It started as an experiment to see how a pedestrian plaza would provide a boost to the downtown area of Laguna Beach for both restaurants and retail.

Initially scheduled to go through last summer, the City Council eventually extended it through January.

Back in session for the first time in 2021 on Tuesday night, the Laguna Beach City Council considered making the Promenade on Forest a permanent fixture.

Discussion led to the council unanimously voting to continue the Promenade on Forest in its current state through January 2024.

A citywide outdoor dining and retail display program is also being extended through the end of this year. The temporary use permits for the program were set to expire at the end of April, Assistant City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said.

Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen amended a recommendation by city staff that called for the approval of the conversion of lower Forest Avenue to a permanent pedestrian plaza.

“I think ... what I want to do is start the process, gather the information, understand the cost,” Whalen said.



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

**OUTDOOR DINING** on newly built decks are one of the new features of the Promenade on Forest in downtown Laguna Beach, which opened to the public on June 15, 2020.

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# Speak Up Newport's annual Mayor's Dinner postponed

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The 40th annual Mayor's Dinner is officially postponed.

Initially scheduled for Feb. 5, Speak Up Newport announced Wednesday that the event will have to be postponed due to restrictions resultant of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Data from the Orange County Health Care Agency showed Wednesday that the number of cases in Orange County has now reached 199,532.

In Newport Beach, there have been 2,834 cases and 36 deaths since the county agency began tracking cases regionally in March.

Speak Up Newport Beach President Ed Selich said the

postponement is a "big disappointment" and that the organization had big plans to celebrate the event's 40th anniversary this year. Organizers still aim to hold the dinner later this summer depending on what the restrictions and situation are at the time.

Mayor Brad Avery's state of the city address will go on as planned through Zoom on Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. during what would be the organization's normally scheduled program date.

Selich said that, on average, about 450 people attend the dinner. Ticket prices have not been set for this year but in the past have been anywhere between \$75 and \$80 per person.

Ticket sales and table

sponsorships cover the costs of hosting the event, and last year, left enough to grant four \$3,000 scholarships to seniors at Newport Harbor and Corona del Mar high schools.

"We could have done a virtual dinner as many organizations are doing but the SUN Board of Directors felt that the in-person camaraderie of those elected officials and citizens interested in civic affairs is important and could not be duplicated with a virtual Mayor's Dinner," Selich said in an e-mail Wednesday. "We hope to make up for it with a great event later this year."

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**THEN-NEWPORT BEACH** Mayor Kevin Muldoon shares a laugh with his guests as he gives the state of the city address during the Mayor's Dinner in Newport Beach on Feb. 11, 2017.

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## HARBOR

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In a staff report, city staff said there are currently 42 active marine activities permits in Newport Beach with eight applications currently in progress. About 20 to 30 businesses have been identified as requiring a permit under current city code.

Activities that require marine activities permits currently are passenger-carrying charter operators, boat rental businesses and human-powered craft rental businesses such as kayaks and stand-up paddleboarding.

Joining them with the council's approval Tuesday night will be new "six-pack" and "12-pack" charters and those using a vessel to conduct a business or service.

Such existing operators will be exempt from obtaining a MAP, but must

register with the city and meet all requirements to obtain a permit save for the parking requirement for continued operation.

Recommendations also require all new commercial businesses to obtain a marine activities permit and eliminates all business exemptions, according to city staff.

Other changes include requiring all businesses to maintain adequate insurance and name the city as an additional insured.

Businesses will also be required to load and unload passengers at a private dock and limit outdoor lighting to minimize skyglow or glare onto adjacent properties, the shoreline, coastal waters or bluffs.

Fines were also raised. First-time violators may see a fine of up to \$1,000. Second-time violators of the same ordinance or permit within one year of the first violation may see

finest up to \$2,000 and third-time violators will see fines of up to \$3,000.

City staff said the increase will provide a more effective tool for code enforcement officers to bring businesses into compliance.

The additional changes by the City Council allow risk managers to decide the level of insurance required of businesses and that "grandfathered" businesses — those that would fall out of compliance due to changes in regulations — would not be required to have a marine activities permit unless the harbor-master determines that there is a substantial change in its commercial activities.

That decision can also be appealed to the Harbor Commission.

City staff was also directed to bring the applications for the four new types of permits for commercial fishing vessels for

review by council.

The section of the Harbor Code that was under review Tuesday dealt explicitly with marine activities permits as part of an overall effort to update the city's Harbor Code.

City staff said the section needed to be dealt with separately from other revisions as it relates to businesses on the harbor specifically.

The Harbor Commission's ad hoc committee held two meetings in October 2019 to hear public testimony on the issue.

"The Harbor Commission felt this impacted a very different stakeholder group and wanted to work with the business community separately," said city staff in a report prepared for the meeting.

The item will be passed to a second reading, scheduled for Jan. 26.

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## FOREST

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The council directed staff to seek proposals from consultant teams to design, conduct project impact analysis, and complete the entitlement for the conversion of the downtown street to a permanent plaza, Dupuis added.

"These are the first steps in designing a permanent plaza and this work will include design of a drainage system," Dupuis wrote in an email. "We plan to bring the award of the contract to the most qualified consultant team for this work to the City Council in April 2021."

Councilman Peter Blake is in favor of making the Promenade a lasting part of downtown, comparing it to a town square.

"The Promenade has been so much better than anything I even envisioned," Blake said.

"For 30 years, I've thought, 'What would it take to make the downtown a better place?' I've been working in the downtown for 30 years now, and I couldn't imagine a more successful experiment than the one we just went through."

Mayor Pro Tem Sue Kempf also voiced staunch support for the Promenade on Forest.

"We all know it's popular, and sometimes you spend money because you want it for the enjoyment of the town," Kempf said.

"The money that we spent there, I think, we got a real nugget. There's not very many good things that have come out of COVID, and this is one of them."

The Promenade on Forest has supplied six dining decks, 41 dining tables and outdoor retail displays since it opened on June 15. Prior to the stay-at-home order, artist demonstrations and musical performances were also seen in the downtown area.

Public comments went on for more than an hour. Business owners shared their gratitude and residents showed their appreciation for the Promenade as a place to gather for the community.

Concerns were expressed by some as to whether it would be appropriate to commit to making the Promenade permanent given the uncertain financial situation presented by the ongoing pandemic.

Others quibbled with the loss of parking that would occur if lower Forest Avenue were closed for good.

City staff said that if the project were to move forward, it would result in the loss of 47 parking spaces, although the construction of a parking structure could be one possible solution.

Councilwoman Toni Iseman addressed both issues when the discussion was brought back to council, indicating that she would like to have "a better understanding of the city's financial situation" before bringing a permanent pedestrian plaza to a vote.

As for the matter of parking, Iseman added, "We did not experience a traditional traffic summer, so I just think that needs to be part of the consideration, that people did stay home. Maybe they were at the beach, but it was always easy to find a parking place this summer."

Councilman George Weiss was also reluctant to move toward a permanent project during the meeting. "I don't want to make it permanent tonight," Weiss said. "I want to approve its extension for a year, so we get out of COVID and we have the designs, we get the public involved, and we proceed in that manner."

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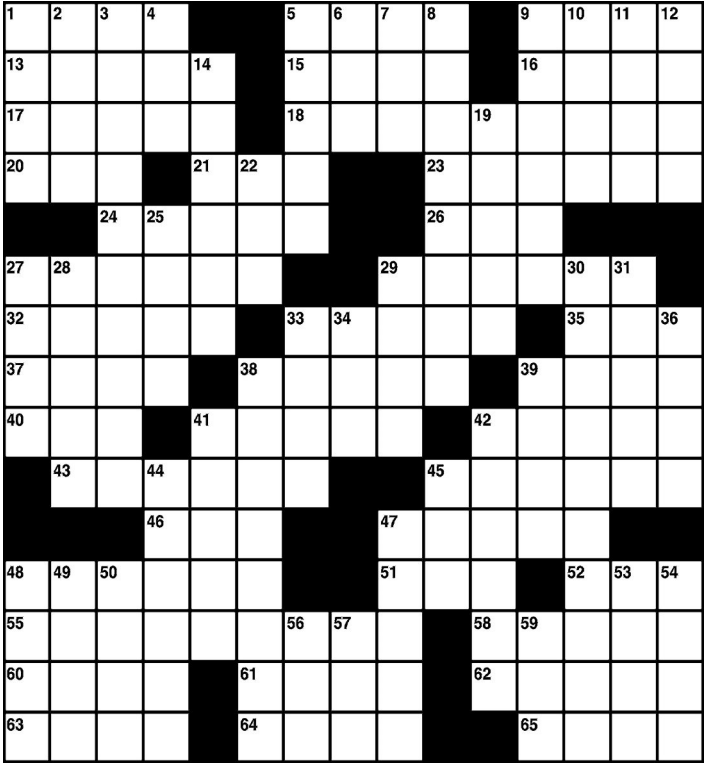
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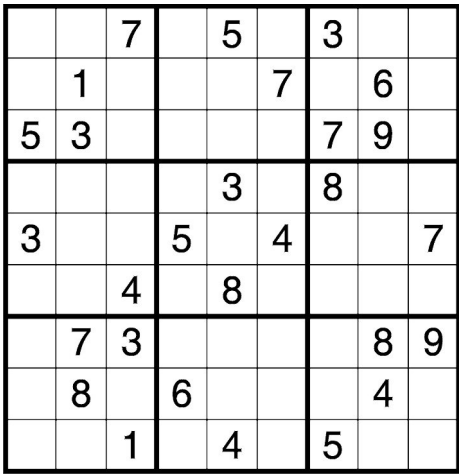
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By The Mephram Group

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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11 As easy as falling off  
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25 Faucet problem  
27 Price to be paid  
28 Word in many bowling alley names  
29 Cuckoo  
30 Resident of the Confederate States  
31 In poor \_\_; tacky  
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34 Parking area  
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45 Soft drink  
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59 Big \_\_; 18-wheeler

Tribune Media Services



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

KAREN PIERCE tweaked her diet after entering the Sports Illustrated swimsuit competition.

PIERCE

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and Alexandra missed out on many of her typical senior year activities at St. Margaret's Episcopal School.

So Pierce became determined to compete in the swimsuit contest, partially inspired by Kathy Jacobs. At age 56, Jacobs was one of two winners in 2020.

Pierce went to the beach at Emerald Bay the next day and filmed a short video, posting it on her Facebook and Instagram pages to announce her intentions.

"I wanted to be accountable," Pierce said. "I didn't want to have this idea and talk myself out of it. People started asking me if I was serious, or if I was doing it as a joke."

More than 10,000 women entered last year's competition, so the odds are against her. But Pierce has worked hard at it, upping her workout plan with her trainer, Ryah Arthur, and joining a pilates class.

She modified her diet, giving up carbohydrates and alcohol, and even started surfing lessons with Arthur.

Sports Illustrated re-

cently featured her 60-second entry video on its Instagram page, [@si\\_swimsearch](https://www.instagram.com/@si_swimsearch).

Though the rules are somewhat vague as the contest switched to online-only during the pandemic, Pierce said she believes the voting is winding down.

People can support her by liking the Sports Illustrated post and commenting. She also is documenting the journey on her personal Instagram page, [@karenaupierce](https://www.instagram.com/@karenaupierce).

"She's an absolutely inspirational and fabulous woman," said Pierce's friend Jennifer Arundale, a comedian and actor who lives in San Clemente.

"She's incredibly disciplined and dedicated to anything that she does, which I find so impressive. We're kind of polar opposites. She's very organized and quite proper, and I'm a little bit more seat of my pants. We're a really good balance for one another as friends."

Pierce said the competition has pushed her out of her comfort zone and made her feel comfortable in her own skin. She was used to posting pictures of her dogs, her kids or the sunset on social media,

not herself, and particularly not herself in a swimsuit. But her 65th year of life has been one of growth.

She said her new mantra is "Age does not define you."

"In my life, I've been the type of person where the default answer is always no," Pierce said. "This year has turned into my year of yes."


Another friend, Darcy Bouzeos, recently moved from Chicago to Newport Beach. She called Pierce's story "fun" and said she has been supportive each step of the way.

"Karen has such a great spirit and zest for life, and I think this is reflective of that," Bouzeos said.


Pierce, whose sister Cathie Lawler also lives in Laguna Beach, has now finally revealed that she's older than Lawler, who celebrates her 60th birthday in February.

"I have to say I was quite pleased," Lawler said with a chuckle. "She always tells everybody she's my younger sister, so I was very happy that she was finally coming clean about her age."

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD BOZURICH, aka EDWARD STEPHEN BOZURICH 30-2019-01121177-PR-PL-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **EDWARD BOZURICH, aka EDWARD STEPHEN BOZURICH** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **MARY MARGARET ROMAN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MARY MARGARET ROMAN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701 **(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.** **IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. **IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. **YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the Petitioner: CHARLES K. MILLS, ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW 5440 TRABUCO RD. IRVINE, CA 92620 (949) 585-9333 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 1/14, 1/21, & 1/28/2021 BSC 219282

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SHARON CARPENTER 30-2021-01177629-PR-LA-CJC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **SHARON CARPENTER** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **MATHEW CARPENTER & JEFFREY CARPENTER** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**. **THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **MATHEW CARPENTER & JEFFREY CARPENTER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701 **(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions; (3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.** **IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. **IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. **YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the Petitioner: ALAN LEIGH ARMSTRONG, ESQ. LAW OFFICE OF ALAN LEIGH ARMSTRONG 16835 ALGONQUIN ST., #454 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649 (714) 375-1147 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28/2021 BSC 219266





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**ROBERT VALENTINE**, 75, gets a COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday from nurse Karen L. Simerlink, at the Central Net Training Center in Huntington Beach, the same day Orange County opened a new vaccine distribution site at Disneyland in Anaheim.

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through Sunday. On Wednesday, hundreds of locals braved long lines only to discover doses were available by appointment only.

Mike Halphide, an assistant chief of Lifeguard Operations for the Newport Beach Fire Department confirmed some 1,000 first-round Moderna vaccines were distributed on Tuesday alone.

“Once people get it and they’re registered in the system, they’ll get a notification of when it’s time to receive their second dose,” he said.

To help keep track of Orange County vaccinations, officials have rolled out a free smartphone app — called Othena — where people can book appointments. Do acknowledged the app was recently overwhelmed as more than 10,000 attempted to sign up

in a two-hour period, but he urged residents not to seek a vaccine without an appointment.

Disneyland’s vaccine super POD is the first of several large-scale distribution sites being planned. Four more vaccine super sites will come online soon but their locations have not yet been disclosed.

Vaccine distributions cannot come quickly enough. The Orange County Health Care Agency on Wednesday reported 3,847 new cases of coronavirus and 31 deaths, bringing the countywide case count to 199,532 and pushing the fatality rate to 2,179.

Area hospitals reported treating 2,280 individuals for COVID-19, 25% of which — or 544 individuals — were being cared for in intensive care units, the agency reported.

The county’s seven-day average of new cases stands at 78.8 per 100,000 residents. Another 20,812 tests were issued Wednesday, bringing the cumulative number to 2,320,876 and accounting for a seven-day average testing positivity rate of 19.5%.

Despite the continuing high numbers, OCHA Director Dr. Clayton Chau adopted a positive tone at Wednesday’s news conference.

“The end of COVID-19 is in sight,” he said.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 36,612 cases; 412 deaths
- Anaheim: 33,723 cases; 448 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 8,098 cases; 118 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 6,751 cases; 63 deaths

**“That means businesses can open. That means children go back to school and get the education they need and the experience they’re lacking.”**

— Doug Chaffee

Fourth District Supervisor


- Irvine: 7,617 cases; 30 deaths
- Newport Beach: 2,834 cases; 36 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 2,621 cases; 34 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 609 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 19,489 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 27,818 cases; five deaths
- 25 to 34: 40,878 cases; 27 deaths
- 35 to 44: 31,503 cases; 47 deaths
- 45 to 54: 32,220 cases; 154 deaths
- 55 to 64: 24,834 cases; 288 deaths
- 65 to 74: 12,330 cases; 418 deaths
- 75 to 84: 6,148 cases; 507 deaths
- 85 and older: 4,187 cases; 732 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at [occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc](https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc). Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Orange County can be found at [occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources](https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources).

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