

COVID Vaccine Helpful Hints

It's been quite the challenge to register and schedule COVID vaccines for those of us over 65. It takes a village not only to raise a child but to protect all of us against COVID! Here are some websites that I've found useful. There may be others, please share with me! annknut@gmail.com If you or someone you know does not have an email or needs help finding doses, I am more than happy to help. One of the CDC Directors said that "until we are all protected, no one is protected." And then we can all get back to church!!!

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Oklahoma County launched its own site outside of the state portal. It's vaxokc.com. It is brand new and appears easier than the state portal to use.

If you need BOTH doses, the absolute best place is IMMY labs in Norman. Their website schedules both appointments and the link is: <https://portal.immylabs.com/vaccine>. Check out their Facebook page to see all the positive comments! You don't have to wait outside and it's held at the Embassy Suites in Norman right off I-35. They schedule only one day in advance. (ex, Book appt on Tuesday and get your shot on Wednesday).

For alerts about available doses, go to vaccine-alerts.com. You can then enter your phone to receive texts or your email address. When you receive a text or email about available doses, then you have to go to the state portal to actually schedule the appointment. To use this most efficiently, have your phone with the alert handy while you get on your computer to do the scheduling. (Yes, it's not easy, but nothing about the state portal is easy)!

Thrifty Pharmacy, 405-751-2852, has been giving shots for about a week. Call them and leave your name, Date of Birth and phone number. They will call you to schedule but will not leave a message (it takes too much time). But they will keep calling. They are located at Hefner and May. They also only schedule both doses, i.e. you can't just get your second shot there. They are lovely people. Other pharmacies will probably be giving shots soon. Once again if you get your first shot at Thrifty, then you are given an appt time for the second dose.

Another option is a group of women from Chapel Hill UMC. There are about 6 women who spend most of their day looking for shots through the portal. I hesitate to give this information out because they are young moms with regular jobs, but if you get really, really frustrated here's how to contact them. Forward your confirmation email from the state portal to vaccinateok21@gmail.com. In the email give them your DOB and any info such as how far you are willing to drive, etc. I've talked to them and they have wonderful servant hearts!