

OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

COVID-19 Cases Surge with Spread of Omicron Variant

Vaccination

The US Food and Drug Administration has recently authorized Pfizer's COVID-19 booster for children ages 12 and up. If someone you love falls into the category, please consider speaking with them about getting boosted.



Students Shelter-in-Place

Due to the spread of the Omicron COVID-19 variant, University of Pittsburgh students began their semester online on January 10, with in-person classes tentatively scheduled to resume on January 27. Carnegie Mellon University students are likewise remote for the first two weeks.



Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people stay up to date with their COVID-19 boosters (six months after the latest dose for Moderna or five months after the latest dose for Pfizer).

Local booster shots are now available! Hieber's Pharmacy, located at 3500 Fifth Avenue, schedules appointments Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To schedule yours, visit bit.ly/hiebersbooster, or call **412.681.6400**. UPMC also offers vaccinations, including evening hours Monday – Saturday. Visit upmc.com/coronavirus/covid-vaccine or call **844.876.2822**.



Oakland-Wide

Tuesday, January 25, 6:00 p.m.
Featuring Mayor Ed Gainey

Mayor Ed Gainey is the featured guest for this month's virtual Oakland-Wide meeting regarding the proposed Oakland Public Realm District E (OPR-E).

More information about the proposed OPR-E is available at bit.ly/publicrealme.

Please bring your questions, concerns, and ideas to share during this hour-long community conversation. Visit bit.ly/OAKWIDEJAN22 for more details, or by calling OPDC's Andrea Boykowycz at **412.621.3821 x217**.

Senior Home Repair Resources Available

Financial resources still remain available to seniors needing home-repair assistance. If you are a senior that could benefit from these services, contact OPDC's Dave Friedman at dfriedman@opdc.org or by calling **412.621.3821 x 123**.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, most walk-in COVID testing sites require appointments. Stay safe, healthy, and informed by getting tested. Here are some testing sites:

Curative

4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Free RT-qPCR testing appointments are available daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Curative site in the rear parking lot of the Carnegie Museums. To schedule an appointment, visit bit.ly/curative-testing or call the Curative support line at **888.702.9042**.



Oakland Planning
and Development
Corporation
294 Semple St
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Quest Diagnostic Oakland

120 Lytton Ave Ste 100 C, Pittsburgh PA 15123

Quest Diagnostics offers COVID-19 testing Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit bit.ly/qd-testing or call **412.681.7669**.

CVS Minute Clinic

4610 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Free, drive-thru testing is available for people showing no symptoms of COVID-19 at the CVS on Centre Avenue daily from 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Appointments are required. To schedule yours, visit bit.ly/cvs-testing or call **412.683.8827**.

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www.opdc.org

Snow Shoveling

Snow is quickly piling up! OPDC can connect you with an Oakland volunteer to shovel and salt steps and walkways within 24 hours of snowfall.



Please note, this is not the City of Pittsburgh's "Snow Angels" program, but an extension of OPDC's Adopt-a-Block efforts.

To be matched with a volunteer, contact OPDC at snow@opdc.org or by calling **412.621.7863 x119**.

January Events

Learn about Henry Hornbostel's Impact on Pittsburgh

Monday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Doors Open Pittsburgh is featuring a virtual storytelling event. For only \$5, you can hear how the architect and designer of Soldiers and Sailors and much of CMU's campus impacted Pittsburgh's architecture scene and the greater Oakland community.



Participants can register at bit.ly/hornbostel or by calling **412.583.1424**.