



Welcome to the **July 2020** issue of *OCMA Connect*, our monthly publication focusing on issues specific to Orange County physicians. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we welcome your input. Please send your comments, ideas or questions to Holly Appelbaum at [happelbaum@ocma.org](mailto:happelbaum@ocma.org).

## **Meet Jason Cord, M.D. OCMA President**

In July 1, 2020, Jason Cord, M.D. took office as the 131st President of the Orange County Medical Association. In order to **introduce Dr. Cord** to the OCMA membership, OCMA conducted a brief interview with him.



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## **OC physicians receive desperately needed PPEs**

**OCMA, in partnership with CMA and the State of California, provided more than \$4.4 million worth of PPEs and hand sanitizer to Orange County physicians on July 27th and 28th.** The events were held at the Irvine Civic Center and The Honda Center. More than 70 volunteers, mostly high school students, loaded cars for nearly six hours each day during the drive-up events that distributed more than 2,000 prepacked boxes to solo and small group practices. The two events in Orange County were the first two of thirty-five events taking place throughout California.

**A special thanks to the city of Irvine and The Honda Center** for providing the space for the events and being such great community partners in making these events so successful. **Most importantly, big thanks to the volunteers** - most of whom were recruited by OCMA's leadership physicians. According to Jim Peterson, OCMA executive director, **they were the best group of volunteers he has ever worked with. Hard working, polite and taking initiative when needed to make the event flow so well.** He believes the volunteers enjoyed it as well, as most ask if they could volunteer again for OCMA. Pop-up tents for shade, tables and chairs, break areas with cooling fans, lunch, OCMA t-shirts, and plenty of snacks and refreshments were provided to the volunteers.

There is discussion taking place about doing **similar events in the very near future** or providing direct shipment of PPEs to those physicians not participating in the two events. Stay tuned to OCMA alerts as we will announce any such initiative.

[Click here](#) to read the Orange County Register's article about the event at the Honda Center.

Here are a few **photos of OCMA and CMA in action:**



## Orange County COVID-19 Testing Super Site



**COVID-19 testing is now available** through an appointment-based drive-thru site at the **Anaheim Convention Center** that can serve more than 1,000 people daily. Testing is available to Orange County residents at no-cost for people who meet Public Health priorities for testing and cannot get a test through their medical provider (doctor).

→ The test offered at this site is called a PCR test. The test will show if someone is currently infected with COVID-19 and may be contagious.

→ When: Wednesday to Sunday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

→ Schedule at appointment at

<https://360clinic.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment>

→ Learn how to prepare for your appointment at

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/supersite>

## New and Noteworthy: Books by OCMA Members

Many OCMA members are physicians who write more than prescriptions. OCMA has dedicated this space to promote new releases by OCMA members.



If you are a member of OCMA who recently has released a book that you would like to announce here, please forward your name, the title of your book and website for the book to Holly Appelbaum at [happelbaum@ocma.org](mailto:happelbaum@ocma.org).



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## Protecting Your Patients and Practice During COVID-19

The **Cooperative of American Physicians (CAP)** is committed to helping physicians meet the challenges that continue arise because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a recent addition to its [COVID-19 Resource Center](#), CAP published [The Reopening Your Practice page](#), which includes guidance from CAP's risk management team, the California Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Practitioners, and the Medical Group Management Association on how to safely welcome your patients and staff to your medical practice.

### Resources Include:

- \* Patient Safety Strategies
- \* Checklist for Preparing Physician Offices
- \* CDC Guide to Disinfecting Your Facility
- \* Preparing Your Staff for Safe Return
- \* Guidelines for Reopening the Healthcare System
- \* Guidance on Beginning Elective Surgeries

### [Access the Resources Here](#)

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