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COVID-19 vaccine clinics closing in Hemet, Desert Hot Springs, Moreno Valley and Perris

Riverside County health officials are announcing the closure of several COVID-19 vaccine clinics as officials continue focus on mobile teams.

The clinic at the Moreno Valley Mall, which is operated by Riverside County Public Health, will close Saturday (Aug. 14), and Hemet Valley Mall, which is operated by OptumServe will shut down Friday (Aug. 13). Clinics in Desert Hot Springs and Bob Glass Gym in Perris, both operated by OptumServe, which shut down Sunday (Aug. 15).

The Moreno Valley location opened in January and administered more than 56,000 doses; while the Perris location administered about 25,000 doses during the same period. The Desert Hot Springs location opened in March and administered about 12,600 doses, while the Hemet clinic administered about 1,500 in the five months it was opened.

“It is hard to measure the positive impact these clinics have had for the communities they serve. Their efforts have saved lives,” said Kim Saruwatari, director of Riverside University Health System-Public Health. “The staff members have worked long hours and been flexible when asked to change their schedules to make it easier for the public to get vaccinated.”

Riverside County health officials have focused recent vaccine efforts using several mobile vaccine teams, rather than using fixed locations to administer vaccines. Officials have said the mobile teams provide the flexibility that enables RUHS-Public Health to focus on individual communities or neighborhoods, then move quickly to other areas where there is a need.

More than 2.4 million vaccine doses have been administered in Riverside County between the county operated clinics and those run by community partners.

For more information on clinic locations or to make an appointment, click www.rivcoph.org/covid-19-vaccine or call 951-358-5000.

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