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Rate of vaccination administered in Riverside County jumps to more than 75 percent

Participants must have an appointment to get vaccinated

Nearly 77 percent of doses received to Riverside County have been administered to county residents, continuing an upward trend that started weeks ago.

As of Jan. 28, Riverside County had received 193,875 COVID-19 vaccine doses and 149,079 had been administered at county-operated clinics and community partners. The 76.9 percent is a sharp improvement from a week ago, when the county's rate of vaccine administration was 46.8 percent.

"Through the county team's hard work and dedication, these vaccines are distributed to partner agencies or administered at a public health clinic within days of receiving them," said Board Chair Karen Spiegel, Second District Supervisor. "This collaboration between the county and our vaccine providers has been critical in getting more vaccines administered to our residents."

Riverside County's vaccination rate is higher than the state average of around 50 percent.

The county is operating various vaccine sites – both walk-up and drive through – at clinics stretching from Corona High School in the west, to the Indio Fairgrounds in the east, and mobile clinics that target hard-to-reach populations like farmworkers. The county's recent efforts have focused on providing vaccines to the most vulnerable population, including those 85 years and older. More than 10,000 such appointments are scheduled for next week.

Several community partners, including hospitals, medical groups and grocery stores, have recently stepped up their efforts, too, and opened clinics and appointments to those who qualify. Some community partners have opted to return some of their allotment back to the county, which then made those vaccine doses available to other partners or were used at the public health clinics.

For more information please visit www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine.

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