



## Public Health

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## **Vaccine clinic at Hemet shopping mall on hold; Alessandro location to close Friday**

**UPDATE (May 7, 2021):** The county and state teams are working to prepare an alternate vaccine site to the Alessandro location.

**ORIGINAL (May 3, 2021):** A new vaccine clinic begins operations Wednesday (May 5) at the Hemet Valley Mall, within the former Sears building. The clinic, which is being run by OptumServe, is located at 2200 W. Florida Ave and will operate from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Additionally, the clinic site at Alessandro High School in Hemet will be closing Friday.

“We are so thankful to the Hemet Unified School District for allowing us to use several of their campus sites for vaccine clinics,” said Kim Saruwatari, director of Public Health. “The district has stepped up when asked and been a great community partner and continues to do so.”

More than 1.6 million vaccine doses have been administered to Riverside County residents between the county operated clinics and those run by the community partners and providers.

“Riverside County continues to move vaccination opportunities into the Third District communities where they are most needed,” said Supervisor Chuck Washington, Third District Supervisor. “I encourage all Hemet / San Jacinto Valley residents to get vaccinated so we can keep each other healthy and fully reopen our schools and businesses.”

The county offers three types of vaccines – Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson – at its clinics. Those 16 and older are eligible to be vaccinated, although individuals 16 and 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and must receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Appointments are not required but encouraged. To make an appointment, click [www.rivcoph.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.rivcoph.org/covid-19-vaccine)

Those needing assistance can call 2-1-1 or 951-358-5000.

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