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## Posting of Riverside County updates to COVID-19 website will now take place weekly

Dashboard updates have been delayed as state reconciles data

Riverside County health officials will start updating the county's COVID-19 website (<a href="www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus">www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus</a>) once a week as it continues to track the number of cases, deaths and other data associated with the pandemic.

Meanwhile, officials said updates to the county's website were delayed as state health officials "reconciled" COVID-19 case data. The data cleaning was done as officials reviewed thousands of case files to ensure the published data accurately reflected the number of cases and other information.

"There were some questions as to why the dashboard had not been updated since last week," said Kim Saruwatari, director of Public Health for Riverside County. "It was important the data we publish properly show what is happening with the pandemic and we wanted to provide the most accurate information."

The reconciliation impacted the running tally of COVID cases in Riverside County, causing the number to drop by several hundred, but there were also new cases that were being reported. Publishing a total that was less than previously displayed, while new cases were being reported could present an inaccurate picture of what was happening.

Officials said the website data will be updated Wednesdays starting July 7. The weekly updates will provide a more accurate look at data trends. Vaccine data will continue to be posted Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

More than 2.2 million doses have been administered in Riverside County and about 53 percent of the county's population (12 years and older) have been partially or fully vaccinated.

To find a location of a vaccine site or to make an appointment, which is recommended but not required, click <a href="https://www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine">https://www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine</a>. You can also call 951-358-5000 for more information.

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