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VACCINATION AND TESTING SITES IN PINELLAS TO CONSOLIDATE OPERATIONS

Greater availability of vaccines in the community is ramping down operations at larger county COVID-19 sites



To make COVID-19 vaccinations more accessible to all Pinellas residents, large sites in St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park and Largo had been providing thousands of vaccines a week with assistance from the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) and partners in the county's firefighting/EMS agencies.

Now that vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and other community locations, the larger sites will begin consolidating operations in May.

"The larger sites were there to meet the initial demand for COVID-19 vaccinations and were not intended to be permanent sites," said Dr. Ulyee Choe, DOH-Pinellas' Director. "We are grateful to the firefighters and other first responders who were instrumental in serving the community's needs at these larger sites. We continue to recommend that everyone who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine gets protected at a site that is most convenient to them. "

Here is a timeline for vaccination sites in Pinellas

- The Pinellas Park site at 4951 78th Ave. N. will be closing for first doses today, April. 30. It will close after their second doses are completed.
- The Central Pinellas site at 1197 E. Bay Dr., Largo, will also be closing on Friday, May 7.
- The Center for Health Equity at 2333 34th St. S., St. Petersburg, will remain open during weekdays until further notice. Appointments are made via the CDR Maguire Patient Portal at www.PatientPortalFL.com.

Changes at testing sites

- There will also be a change in the testing site at Tropicana Field's Lot 2. It will close at the end of Saturday, May 15. The testing site at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater remains open.

To find a COVID-19 vaccination near you in Pinellas, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/vaccines/> for a list of clinics and pharmacies. To find COVID-19 testing, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com or follow us on Twitter @HealthyPinellas.

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