

Subject: Hillsborough County Winds Down COVID-19 Response



Hillsborough County Neighborhood Relations

Dear Neighborhood Leader,

Your Neighborhood Relations team has been asked to share the information below with your communities.

Hillsborough County is finalizing the demobilization of its COVID-19 coronavirus operations as cases continue to decrease, public demand for testing and vaccinations has declined significantly, and more private providers are offering services.

As the County prepares to fully transition COVID-19 operations to the private sector and community partners, these steps are being taken:

- Operations at the County's last remaining public vaccination site concluded June 25. The vaccination location at Palm River Park, 725 S. 58th St. in Tampa, has been offering only second doses of the Pfizer vaccine for the past three weeks in preparation for closing the site. To find pharmacies and other providers that are offering vaccines, go to [Vaccine.gov](https://www.vaccine.gov).
- The County's 24-hour COVID-19 Testing and Information Line, (888) 513-6321, will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 28.
- The last remaining public testing location, Lee Davis Community Resource Center at 3402 N. 22nd St. in Tampa, will close on Wednesday, June 30. For alternate locations, go to [Hillsborough.floridahealth.gov](https://hillsborough.floridahealth.gov) and floridahealthcovid19.gov.
- The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County will coordinate requests from businesses, community organizations, and faith-based organizations interested in an on-site targeted vaccine event. Requests can be made by filling out [this form](#) or calling (813) 307-8000.

- The County will continue to work with the state to vaccinate residents who are bedridden or otherwise unable to leave their homes.

The demobilization plan caps an unprecedented emergency response by Hillsborough County that began in March 2020 when a resident was confirmed as one of the first COVID-19 cases in Florida.

In partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County, the County spearheaded a massive effort to provide for the health and safety of residents. The County and DOH-Hillsborough worked with community partners to open 13 testing locations, and initiate testing programs for farmworkers and the homebound. More than 323,000 COVID-19 tests have been administered through these efforts. The County gave away 1.6 million face coverings, coordinated distribution of personal protective equipment for healthcare workers, operated quarantine and isolation facilities, provided for interim care of long-term care facility residents transitioning from COVID-19 hospital stays, and carried out far-reaching educational communications campaigns.

As vaccines became available, the County worked with DOH-Hillsborough to create a central storage and distribution location for regional supplies, supported federal and state vaccination efforts, and directly provided vaccinations to the public through a multitude of initiatives. This included eight fixed public vaccination locations, clinics for first responders and critical infrastructure employees, a program for the homebound, and the Targeted Vaccination Area initiative. The first of its kind in the state, the TVA program began with vaccination events at low-income independent living facilities throughout the county, and eventually expanded to include other groups, faith-based and civic organizations, businesses, and employers.

Through the County-DOH partnership, more than 157,000 first and second doses have been administered. In coordination with federal and other state partners, the total number of shots administered in Hillsborough County by the public sector numbers more than 600,000.

Although Hillsborough County's response is winding down, residents and visitors are encouraged to follow [COVID-19 guidelines](#) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Updates regarding operations of County facilities and other information for residents and business owners can be found at [HCFLGov.net/StaySafe](https://www.hcflgov.net/StaySafe).

Get Connected. Stay Alert.

For more information on COVID-19, and any other potential emergency in the county, visit [HCFLGov.net/StaySafe](https://www.hcflgov.net/StaySafe) and sign up for the HCFL Alert system. Additionally, you can follow Hillsborough County on social media at Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor for updates. For general County information, call (813) 272-5900, the County's main information line.



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