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Health Department moves COVID-19 vaccination clinics to former JCPenney

location at Blue Ridge Mall

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (March 23, 2021) – The Henderson County Department of Public Health will move its COVID-19 vaccination clinics to the former JCPenney location at the Blue Ridge Mall starting Thursday, March 25.

The Health Department is currently conducting its vaccination clinics at East Henderson High School. With Henderson County Public Schools resuming in-person instruction, county officials needed to identify a new space that was accessible and provided ample parking.

"The old JCPenney building is an ideal location and provides the space and access we need for these large-scale vaccination clinics," said Jimmy Brissie, Henderson County Emergency Services Director. "The Hull Property Group, who owns the building, has been incredibly helpful and understanding about those community needs and graciously donated the use of the building for that purpose to get us through the next few months."

"Henderson County Public Schools played an essential role in the early days of COVID-19 response by providing multiple sites for vaccination clinics to us and other vaccine providers in the community," said Steve Smith, Henderson County Health Director. "Their support was extraordinary, and it helped us accomplish thousands of vaccinations for priority individuals. With school now back in full time, those campuses must return to their primary use for educational purposes and we support that transition."

The former JCPenney site at the Blue Ridge Mall is located at 1800 Four Seasons Boulevard in Hendersonville. Appointments are required in order to receive a vaccine. Please register for an appointment by visiting the Health Department's website at <u>www.hendersoncountync.gov/health</u>. Walk-in appointments are not available.

This clinic will be held indoors. Individuals should arrive shortly before their scheduled appointment time and be prepared to sit for 15 minutes following their shot for observation. The clinic cannot be accessed from inside the mall.

The location is also serviced by Apple Country Public Transit. Anyone who needs a ride to their COVID-19 vaccine appointment can contact Apple Country Public Transit at 828-698-8571 to schedule a ride.