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**Virginia Department of Health to Open Community Vaccination Center**  
*Appointments being taken for the former Sears at Valley View site*

(ROANOKE, VA) – Today, the Virginia Department Health (VDH) announced that a state-run Community Vaccination Center (CVC) will open October 14, 2021 at the former Sears location at Valley View Mall, located at 4812 Valley View Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012.

Any Virginian 65 years and older, or those over 18 with underlying medical conditions or who live or work in a high risk setting, and who received the second dose of their Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine 6 months or more ago, are invited to make an appointment for a free booster vaccination with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, individuals seeking their first dose of Johnson and Johnson or their first or second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or those who are immunosuppressed and need a third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine may also receive them at no cost.

**FREE COVID-19 Vaccinations:** The Valley View location will offer vaccination appointments from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with last appointments at 7:30p.m.

To find an appointment, visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](http://vaccinate.virginia.gov) or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages. Have vaccine questions or need help scheduling? Contact the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) COVID-19 hotline at 540-613-6597. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins will also be accepted.

Those who have an appointment should plan to arrive no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the appointment time. Anyone who has received a prior COVID-19 vaccine should bring their vaccine card or their vaccine record with a QR code. If you need a copy of your vaccine record, visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](http://vaccinate.virginia.gov).

“We appreciate the support of VDH’s central office in the ongoing effort to vaccinate our community. This site will provide a convenient location for residents across the region to get vaccinated. Vaccination remains the best way to end the pandemic,” said Dr. Cynthia Morrow, RCAHD Health Director.

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“We continue to encourage individuals who are not yet vaccinated to get their vaccine as soon as possible as they are at the highest risk of severe illness and death due to COVID-19.”

Anyone 12 years or older who lives or works in Virginia is eligible to be vaccinated. Those under 18 years of age require the presence of a parent or guardian. To learn more about COVID-19, visit [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/).

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NOTE: In keeping with VDH guidelines at other CVC locations across the state, members of the media are not permitted inside the state-operated CVCs when patients are present. A media tour of the facility is expected to take place October 13- more details about this on-site availability to be announced soon.