



City of Arts & Innovation

# News Release

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Nov. 10, 2020

**Contact:**

Phil Pitchford  
Public Information Officer  
951-826-5975  
[ppitchford@riversideca.gov](mailto:ppitchford@riversideca.gov)

**City of Riverside Opens First of Several New COVID-19 Testing Sites in the Inland Empire, Featuring No-Cost, Contactless, Self-Administered Tests From Curative**

*Increased testing is a key to the area's ability to reopen more of its economy by advancing out of the widespread (purple) category in the state's system*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside, seeking to reopen more of its local economy by stemming the spread of COVID-19, is opening the first of several testing sites Wednesday (11/11) featuring a free, contactless, self-administered test from Curative Inc., which has completed more than six million such tests in 15 states across the U.S.

The drive-through testing site opening Wednesday is in the Mission Grove Plaza at the intersection of Alessandro Boulevard and Mission Grove Parkway. It will be followed Thursday by a mobile van offering tests throughout the city, then a drive-through testing site at the La Sierra Senior Center on Nov. 18. A walk-up kiosk is scheduled to open in the downtown area in late November.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ups are available at all locations. Online appointments and date/time/location information can be found at: [www.Curative.com](http://www.Curative.com). Appointment slots open about 3-4 days in advance.

Increased testing is a key to the area's ability to reopen more of its economy by advancing out of the widespread (purple) category in the state's system to the substantial (red) category, then on to orange and yellow. Testing informs infected individuals, even those who are not showing symptoms, that they need to isolate and avoid spreading the virus to others.

“Everybody wants our city to start taking steps toward normalcy, and increased testing is one important way to make that happen,” Mayor Rusty Bailey said. “I encourage all Riversiders to take advantage of this opportunity, for your health, the health of your family members and the overall well-being of our community.”

The partnership between the City of Riverside and Curative Inc. will provide quick, easy, and painless no-cost access to COVID-19 oral-fluid swab testing across the community.

“Curative is proud to be partnering with the City of Riverside and be a crucial resource for residents during this pandemic,” said Fred Turner, CEO and co-founder of Curative. “Curative’s testing sites are easy to access and welcome everyone in the community. Our unique, self-administered oral fluid swab COVID-19 test offers a painless, simple option with quick 24-48-hour results and no cost to patients.”

Curative’s oral-fluid swab testing involves having a person first cough into their elbow or mask, which releases virus from the upper and lower respiratory tract. The person then swabs the teeth, inside of the cheeks and the roof of the mouth before sealing the test within a secure container and returning it to a Curative observer.

The entire Curative test is done without having to come into close contact with others, therefore eliminating the need for personal protective equipment (PPE) changes. Results are sent via text or email within 48 hours of testing. (To ensure accurate results, do not eat, drink, chew gum, smoke, or brush your teeth a half-hour before taking the test.)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act ensures that COVID-19 testing is available at no cost, including the uninsured. Curative will not charge a copay. Riverside County, nor Curative, will report undocumented individuals.

“If you want to support local business, get tested,” Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hemenway said. “If you want to eat inside at your favorite restaurant, get tested. If you are part of a faith community that has been longing to gather indoors, get tested.”

Appointments can be made at [curative.com](http://curative.com), but walk-ups are accepted. The schedule is:

**Mission Grove Plaza** -- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Wednesday. Times may vary due to demand.

**Mobile van** at various locations throughout the city of Riverside. – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Date	Location	Address
Thursday, November 12	CBU	8432 Magnolia Avenue
Friday, November 13	CBU	8432 Magnolia Avenue
Saturday, November 14	Ryan Bonaminio Park	5000 Tequesquite Avenue
Sunday, November 15	Ryan Bonaminio Park	5000 Tequesquite Avenue
Monday, November 16	Shamel Park	3650 Arlington Avenue
Tuesday, November 17	Patterson Park	1846 W. Linden Street
Wednesday, November 18	Bordwell Park	2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Thursday, November 19	Arlanza Library	8267 Philbin Avenue
Friday, November 20	Casa Blanca Library	2985 Madison Avenue
Saturday, November 21	Arlington Heights Sports Park	9401 Cleveland Avenue

**La Sierra Community Center** – Opening Nov. 18, operating seven days per week, times may vary due to demand. Appointments available 3-4 days in advance.

**Downtown Kiosk** – Opening late November near City Hall and Main Street Mall.

For the latest schedule, information and resources regarding COVID-19 -- [www.RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19](http://www.RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19)