



Perris Press Release

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Free Flu Shot Clinic a Success With Perris Seniors

A flu-shot clinic for Perris senior citizens proved an unqualified success Wednesday, as people lined up throughout the course of the day to receive their free vaccinations courtesy of Walgreens.

The clinic marked the first time City teamed up with the drugstore chain to offer free vaccinations for residents 55 years of age and older, said Cynthia Quintero, recreation coordinator at the Perris Senior/Teen Center.

A limited number of vouchers were available on a first-come first-served basis, Quintero said. Between 30 and 50 seniors were expected to take advantage of the offer, she said.

Albert Mauricio, 69, was one of the first people in line. He said he always receives an annual flu vaccine. His reasoning is simple: "I don't want to get sick."

Lina Abrego, 70, said she enjoys many of the activities provided by the Perris Senior Center, including meals, art-and-crafts and exercise classes.

"It's important to stay healthy," she said. "The City makes it easy to stay healthy and stay active. All you have to do is come

down here every morning and enjoy yourself. I think offering flu shots is a very beautiful gift to Perris seniors."

Sisters Inez Medina and Dorothy Ramirez also take advantage of the many senior-related programs offered by the City. They too were among the first recipients who lined up for a flu shot.

"Who wants to be sick?" said Medina, 79. "Everyone wants to be healthy. It's a great preventative measure."

Ramirez, 78, said she wants to keep from getting the flu so she can do what she loves—working to beautify her two-acre Perris homestead. She said she thrives by loading her wheel-barrow and removing weeds, branches and other debris. She's got no time to get sick.

"This is a great place to get a flu shot without having to drive all the way to Riverside," Ramirez said.



Perris City employee Cynthia Quintero assists Albert Mauricio, 69, fill out paperwork at a flu-shot clinic in Perris Wednesday.



Pharmacist Sally Yparraguirre administers a flu vaccine to Perris resident Dorothy Ramirez, 79, at the Perris Senior Center.