

# Coachella Valley Workplace Wellness Awards seek entries



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Does your company do a great job encouraging employees to get their flu shots, stay active and eat right? If so, you might want to nominate it for the first ever Coachella Valley Workplace Wellness Awards, sponsored by HARC.

"Since most adults spend the majority of their waking hours at work, workplace wellness is essential to a healthy community," HARC CEO Jenna LeComte-Hinely said in an email. "These awards are an attempt to highlight the organizations that serve people in our valley who are doing an excellent job at maintaining a healthy work environment for their employees."

Awards will be handed out in three categories: nutrition and fitness, mental health and well-being, and safety and environment. Separate awards will go to small businesses (fewer than 50 employees) and larger businesses. Grand-prize winners also will be named.

Winners will be recognized at a June awards lunch. Grand-prize winners will be featured in an ad in The Desert Sun.

Nominations can be made at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/harcawards> (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/harcawards>) until May 15. A \$25 entry fee includes attendance for two people from the company to the June awards lunch.

HARC, or [Health Assessment and Research for Communities](http://www.harcddata.org/Home%20Page) (<http://www.harcddata.org/Home%20Page>), is a Palm Desert nonprofit that conducts survey research and analysis on health topics.

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