

Post-ShakeAlert® Message Summary

Earthquake:

Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS):
M 4.6 - 19.5 km (12.1 mi) N of Indio
ANSS location: 33.892, -116.171
ANSS depth: 3.0 km (1.9 mi)
ANSS origin (Local): 2026-01-19 17:56:14.4
ANSS origin (UTC): 2026-01-20 01:56:14.4
ShakeAlert first Message (UTC): 2026-01-20 01:56:20.3
ShakeAlert Event ID: ew1768874180

ShakeAlert Messages Issued (after origin time):

Initial: 5.9 sec
Peak: 11.0 sec
Final: 13.0 sec

ShakeAlert System Magnitude Estimates:

Initial: M 5.6
Peak: M 5.2
Final: M 5.1

ShakeAlert System Location Accuracy:

Initial: 10.0 km (6.2 mi) E
At peak: 0.5 km (0.3 mi) SW
Final: 0.6 km (0.4 mi) SW

Wireless Emergency Alert:

This alert was distributed over the WEA system.
WEA alerts are distributed to the MMI 4+ area if ShakeAlert Peak M_{5.0}

Number of Stations Reporting:

1 within 10 km of epicenter
79 within 100 km of epicenter
28 used in final ShakeAlert Message

Nearby Cities:

City	Distance km / (mi)	Time* sec	Shaking (MMI**)
Indio	19 / (12)	~0	Light (IV)
Twentynine Palms	29 / (18)	--	Weak (III)
San Bernardino	106 / (66)	--	V. Weak (II)
San Diego	160 / (99)	--	V. Weak (II)

Radius shaken before message release: 21 km (13 mi)

Footnotes:

* Time -- Time from message release to predicted S-wave arrival at the location. "--" for weak or imperceptible shaking.
** MMI -- Modified Mercalli Intensity - a numeric shaking severity scale
*** For earthquakes deeper than ~15 km, the ShakeAlert Message may be available before peak shaking reaches the surface.

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Figure 1. ShakeAlert initial earthquake location (black dot). Star is ANSS earthquake epicenter. Polygon shows the MMI 3.5 shaking intensity area. If shown, red circle is front of peak shaking when the Message was released***. Shaking takes 10 s to expand from circle to circle.



Figure 2. Polygons show shaking intensity contours for the peak magnitude estimate. Shaking of MMI 3 or less is often not felt. Star shows the ANSS earthquake epicenter.

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