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Oakland Coliseum Mega Vaccination Site and Mobile Sites to Remain Active Thanks to Cross-County and State Partnership

Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will provide vaccine to the site, expected to continue to provide up to 6,000 doses a day

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA –Today Alameda and Contra Costa counties joined forces to support local residents in one of the most powerful steps they can take in the fight against COVID-19 – getting vaccinated. The mega-vaccination site at the Oakland RingCentral Coliseum marked the first day of operations under the new partnership between the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Since mid-February, the site has been part of a Federally-supported pilot project to establish Community Vaccination Centers. Forty-five percent of vaccine administered at the Coliseum during this time reached Alameda County residents and 15.9 percent reached Contra Costa County residents.

To maintain momentum and urgently vaccinate more of their populations, these two neighboring county governments entered into unified management of the site along with the State to continue providing vaccinations at the site for the next four weeks.

Half of the weekly allotment of vaccine for the site will be provided by the State, and the other half of vaccine allotment will be supplied equally by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The site is expected to deliver up to 6,000 vaccines per day and will continue to operate Mobile Vaccine Clinics. The three mobile units associated with the Coliseum have been highly successful and popular, and a fourth unit will be added so that each county has two units to increase vaccination opportunities directly in priority communities.

“We are thankful to our partners who advocated to make sure that this site, a vital tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our County, continues serving the East Bay communities who need it most,” said Colleen Chawla, Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA). “Our local leaders, federal delegation, our Governor, and even our Vice-President recognized the importance of keeping this site available to promote equity and access. We are pleased to continue expanding eligibility to all residents, ages 16 and up, and reaching our local residents.”

“This is an important milestone in our fight to end the pandemic. Register to be notified when appointments become available and get vaccinated with the first vaccine offered to you,” added Anna Roth, Director of Contra Costa Health Services. “We are moving quickly to keep up the momentum to keep everyone safe and healthy. For many Contra Costa residents, this site is a short drive or public transit trip from their homes.”

“We are proud that we can continue to operate the Oakland site in partnership with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Since opening this site on February 15th, we’ve been able to administer over 316,000 vaccines. Going forward, this site and the supporting mobile units will continue to have an explicit focus on equity, targeting some of the most diverse and socioeconomically challenged communities in the state,” said Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci.

The feasibility of continuing operations at the Coliseum as a mega-vaccination site beyond these four weeks is under review. Increased vaccine supply will be critically important for ongoing operation as well as the ongoing planning and expansion of community-based sites to ensure priority populations are served.

The site is open to those who live or work in Alameda County and Contra Costa only, and operates Mon – Sun, 9 am to 7 pm, with 17 drive-through lanes as well as walk-up appointments accessible by fare-free rides with AC Transit and BART. Vaccine appointments can continue to be made through the state’s MyTurn.ca.gov website or by calling 833-422-4255.

In the meantime, all residents are encouraged to practice behaviors we know help slow the spread of this deadly virus, including masking even after vaxxing.

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