



ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY PRESS RELEASE

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Alameda County Will Provide Free COVID-19 and Flu Shots at the Oakland Coliseum

OAKLAND, CA – Starting Saturday, October 31 through November 2 the County of Alameda will offer free COVID-19 testing at the Oakland Coliseum. You do not need a doctor’s note or insurance and you will not be asked about immigration status.

COVID-19 testing will be available for children 4 and older and adults from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 2. Appointments can be made at <https://ac.fulgentgenetics.com/>

Flu shots will be available on November 3 from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. Drive-through and walk-up vaccinations are available, and no appointment is needed.

“Even before the global pandemic, the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum site was underutilized because the Oakland Raiders and the Golden State Warriors left. I completely support this 120-acre property, with its 10,000 on-site parking spaces, hosting both a one-day flu clinic and three days for COVID testing,” said Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley. “This is exactly the kind of community-oriented use needed to serve the public. I am extremely proud of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency for providing this public benefit in cooperation with the Coliseum Authority and staff. This is tremendous and we should take full advantage of the opportunity to use this site to serve the community while it is temporarily underutilized.”

“The Oakland Coliseum’s central location and connection to BART and AC Transit make it an easily accessible site for communities who are greatly impacted by COVID-19 and historically experience health disparities,” said Dr. Jocelyn Freeman Garrick, Deputy Medical Director of Alameda County Emergency Medical Services and Lead for Alameda County’s Testing Taskforce.

Alameda County also encourages all residents and workers to get their flu shot this year. Alameda County, the California State Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older.

Symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu can be similar. Getting the flu vaccine reduces illness and transmission in our community, reduces clinic visits and hospitalization, and prevents illnesses that mimic COVID-19. There’s no better time to get your flu shot to help protect yourself and your community.

“Throughout this pandemic, Alameda County has been innovative and creative in leveraging all available resources,” said District 1 Supervisor, Scott Haggerty, “A pop-up testing site and flu clinic is a great creative use of this asset, and I’m very glad we were able to make this work. The site is readily accessible and large

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enough to accommodate COVID-19 safety measures for multiple events. It also provides a great opportunity for us to increase testing and prevent flu in the heart of an area disproportionately bearing the impact of COVID-19.”

COVID-19 safety measures are in place to protect everyone at testing sites and flu clinics. Please wear your face mask and maintain a physical distance from anyone you don’t live with.

If you haven’t voted yet, drop off your ballot or vote at the Coliseum polling location from October 31 through November 3, Election Day.

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