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Alameda County, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health Launch Drive-Thru COVID-19 Vaccinations on Feb. 17 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds

PLEASANTON, CA – On Wednesday, February 17, the County of Alameda joined Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare and Sutter Health to launch a large-scale, drive-thru vaccination clinic to serve Alameda County residents and health care workers.

COVID-19 vaccination appointments will be available Monday through Saturday for Alameda County health care workers and residents aged 65 and older. In the coming weeks, the site will also be able to open to essential workers in the Food/Agriculture, Education/Childcare, and Emergency Services sectors.

Drive-thru lanes will be available for each vaccination provider.

- **Alameda County**: Open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., appointments are by invitation only at this time due to limited vaccine supply. Register for an appointment notification here: https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines. After the week of February 15, Alameda County will have 1,000 appointments available each day the site is open.
- **Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare**: Stanford patients may schedule appointments online or by calling (650) 498-9000.
- **Sutter Health**: Sutter patients may schedule appointments online or by calling (844) 987-6115.

"Getting this site launched is an important part of the County's strategy for increasing vaccination rates. Every vaccination is one step closer to normalcy and I look forward to when the Fairgrounds can once again host the kinds of events it was intended for," said Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley.

If vaccine supply increases, the Alameda County Fairgrounds COVID-19 vaccine Mega POD (point of dispensing) could ramp up to administer 5,000 doses per day.

"Our goal is to provide broad access to vaccine across the county, and this site is a cornerstone of our planning for the future," said Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director for the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. "We are putting in place an infrastructure that provides immediate access to seniors and essential workers and allows us to scale up quickly if vaccine supply increases."

A third of Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter appointments will be reserved for non-patient, Alameda County health care workers and residents.

"Throughout the pandemic we've seen the value of public-private partnerships in meeting the needs of our communities," said Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert. "Placing a mass vaccination site in the Tri-Valley in partnership with Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health will help ensure more residents and workers can make an appointment near where they live and work."

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"Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare is pleased to be able to offer COVID-19 vaccines to as many of our patients and community members as the supply will allow us to give through our ongoing partnership with Alameda County, Sutter Health and other community leaders," said Rick Shumway, President and CEO, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. "This is a continuation of our commitment to providing convenient access to care during the pandemic that honors our close connection to the Tri-Valley community."

"The Sutter Health integrated network of care has moved swiftly to establish and expand several large-scale vaccination sites across Northern California, like the one we're helping to launch at the Alameda County Fairgrounds," said Teresa Sarlitto, Vice President of Sutter's Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Alameda County. "These large-scale sites are an important part of our commitment to the communities we serve to deploy as much vaccine as possible to eligible patients and high-risk populations, as supply allows."

The vaccine will protect you from developing severe illness, but it may not stop you from spreading SARS-CoV-2 (the virus which causes COVID-19) to others. Until enough people are vaccinated to protect our entire community, it is critical that everyone—even those who have been vaccinated—continue to wear masks and follow other COVID-19 prevention guidance.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is proud to work with Alameda County Health Department, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health, continuing its efforts to support the community by serving as the host venue for a COVID-19 mass vaccination site.

"While there is still a long road ahead, we will continue with our commitment to provide the Fairgrounds as community resource," stated Board President Gordon Galvan "Thank you to our health care partners for supporting our community on the frontlines."

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