



ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY PRESS RELEASE

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Alameda County Partners with Glad Tidings Church in Hayward To Provide Free COVID-19 Testing to the Community

HAYWARD, CA – The County of Alameda launched a new COVID-19 testing site with Glad Tidings Church in the City of Hayward for area residents and workers. You do not need a doctor’s note or insurance and you will not be asked about immigration status.

Glad Tidings Church is providing their campus for COVID-19 testing.

Drive-Through and Walk-Up: 1027 W. Tennyson Road, Hayward (South Campus)

Testing is available 11 AM – 4 PM, Wednesday – Saturday and appointments can be made at <https://ac.fulgentgenetics.com/>

The testing site opened on September 23, 2020.

“Residents of Hayward are among the hardest hit by COVID-19 in Alameda County,” said Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Richard Valle, who serves District 2. “With the addition of this new testing site at Glad Tidings Church, Hayward residents and workers who are feeling ill, had close contact from someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or are essential health or frontline workers, now have access to three testing sites to meet their needs.”

Hayward has 3,057 COVID-19 cases and a case rate of 1925.8 per 100,000 residents, second highest in Alameda County.

Hayward’s first community testing site, provided by the Hayward Fire Department, opened on March 23, 2020 and was the first in Alameda County to offer no cost testing to anyone who needed it. The site has performed more than 35,000 tests over a six-month period, including off-site testing of vulnerable populations.

This testing site is currently located at Skywest Golf Course at 1401 Golf Course Road. Testing Monday through Friday, from 9 AM – 4 PM. Appointments can be made at www.hayward-ca.gov/content/hayward-covid-19-testing-center or by calling (510) 583-5333.

"The City of Hayward welcomes this new testing location with open arms and will do whatever it can to support it," said Hayward Fire Chief Garrett Contreras. "Testing followed by contact tracing remains the key to fighting COVID-19 and protecting our communities--and the more of it the better."

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Alameda County’s coordinated testing strategy prioritizes placing testing sites in areas to best reach disproportionately impacted communities of color, including the Latinx, African America and Black, and Pacific Islander communities.

Cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population among the Latinx community is 2855.3, 956.4 among the Black and African America community, and 982.6 among Pacific Islanders in Alameda County.

Glad Tidings International Church was founded in April 1978 with a strong, long-term commitment to the communities and families of the City of Hayward and the South Alameda County, where residents are comprised of many different ethnicities, predominately people of color.

As a community partner, Glad Tidings has stepped beyond the normal lines and has involved itself, to an ever-greater degree, in the lives of people and has played an active part in reviving a neighborhood in decline. With a vision and ministry to meet the growing needs of a changing neighborhood, Glad Tidings has weekly, monthly and seasonal feeding programs, health awareness events, as well as economic and educational development opportunities.

“As a trusted community and faith-based partner, we are here to serve all residents and members of our community,” said Bishop Jerry Macklin. “As statistics reveal, neighborhoods of color are over-represented with COVID-19 infections while at the same time being under tested. In this new County endeavor, we have joined forces to reach underserved and marginalized populations as well as our entire community. Glad Tidings International welcomes county and community partners in our efforts to provide a holistic response and resource to aid in slowing the spread of this dangerous virus. WE Are Better Together!”

Alameda County has partnered with [Community Organized Relief Effort](#) (CORE) and [Fulgent Genetics](#) to bring COVID-19 testing to locations that are well-positioned to reach disproportionately impacted communities or communities that are underserved by COVID-19 testing.

CORE is a nonprofit organization co-founded by Sean Penn and Ann Lee that is dedicated to saving lives and strengthening marginalized communities affected by or vulnerable to crisis. CORE has taken a leadership position in the COVID-19 response to provide free testing for high-risk individuals and vulnerable communities. The organization has administered over 1.4 million tests across dozens of test sites throughout the nation, with a focus on low-income groups, communities of color, first responders and essential workers.

Alameda County is leveraging Fulgent’s Community Testing Platform to manage the back-end logistics of the testing site in order to deliver results directly to patients within 2-3 days of being tested.

Nearly 4,400 tests of Alameda County residents are conducted daily, well past the goal of 3,100 tests per day. Additional free community testing sites are available in West Oakland, Fruitvale, East Oakland, San

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Leandro, Hayward, Fremont and Pleasanton. More information is available at covid-19.acgov.org/covid19/testing.page

A person can spread COVID-19 with or without having symptoms. Simple precautions like wearing a face covering when you leave home, maintaining at least six feet of distance, washing your hands frequently and avoiding gathering with people you don't live with has helped slow the spread of COVID-19.

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