

# News Release



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## **Alameda County Fairgrounds Serves as a Community Resource Amidst Wildfires and Covid-19**

Pleasanton, Calif. – The Alameda County Fairgrounds, known for putting on the annual county Fair and being home to nearly 300 events each year, is now serving the community in times of crisis. During the Covid-19 Pandemic and the area wildfires the Fairgrounds is serving as a community resource providing space for a Regional Drive-Through Covid-19 Testing Facility, a Drive-Through Food Bank, Incident Command Center for Cal Fire SCU Lightning Complex, and a safe haven for livestock and horses evacuated by area wildfires.

The Fairgrounds opened their doors this week to [Cal Fire](#) serving as the Incident Command Center for area wildfires. Firefighters and cooperators from across the state are working to organize, staff, and mitigate the SCU Lightning Fire Complex.

Additionally, emergency sheltering is being accepted into the Fairground barns for evacuated livestock and horses as directed by Alameda County Animal Services. For placement, please contact Alameda County Animal Services directly at (925) 803-7041.

“The Alameda County Fairgrounds is committed to helping our community by being a resource for Cal Fire and county officials,” stated Board President, Gordon Galvan. “We are grateful to our firefighters, first responders, and all those who are helping both on the frontline and at the staging facility on the Fairgrounds.”

In partnership with Stanford Valley Care, the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Alameda County, the Fairgrounds continue to provide use of the facility for Covid-19 testing to the region. The Drive-Through Testing Site administers tests Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm, to individuals with Covid-19 symptoms. For details visit <https://www.valleycare.com/regional-testing-site-for-covid-19/>.

Facility space is also provided for a Regional Food Bank in partnership with Alameda County and the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm through October, residents from Dublin, Fremont, Livermore, Newark, and Pleasanton are able to drive-through and receive a pre-packaged emergency food package, while supplies last. The Drive-Through Food Bank is providing approximately 700 meal packages each Tuesday and Thursday, averaging about 2,600 residents fed per day.

“We are proud to be a part of a network of Fair facilities across the state who continue to serve their local communities by providing emergency shelter, testing sites, food, and a safety net to those in need,” stated Fair CEO, Jerome Hoban.

Due to the air quality and the safety of our guests, the Alameda County Fairgrounds has canceled all public events through August 24, 2020. The Fairgrounds will continue to monitor conditions; follow [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com) for schedule updates.

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The Fairgrounds is successfully operated by the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association, a 501(c) 3, nonprofit organization, with no tax funding from the county or state and is fully self-supported.