

**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**  
**Unaccompanied Children/Emergency Intake Site at Fairplex**  
**FAQs**

**Is Fairplex Open?**

Due to County, State and Federal government guidelines from 2020-21 regarding public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, Fairplex has postponed several events. Some drive-thru events are being permitted; we are awaiting word on when public events can take place on our grounds. Our offices are closed to the public until further notice. If you need assistance, please call our general information number at (909) 623-3111. Please refer to our website and social media channels for periodic updates. Thank you for your cooperation.

**When will events return to Fairplex?**

Most events are postponed through the end of summer. Please check our website and social media channels for updates.

**Is Fairplex an Emergency Intake Site (EIS) for Unaccompanied Children from the southern border?**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has contracted with Fairplex to provide shelter for Unaccompanied Children (UC). Unaccompanied Children are defined by HHS as children who enter the country without their parent or legal guardian and children who for other reasons have been separated from their parent or legal guardian. An EIS is a transition center where UCs are placed while they are being connected with family members or foster homes.

**How are unaccompanied children being cared for?**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the lead agency heading the UC program. UC shelters, through HSS, provide housing, nutrition, physical and mental healthcare, educational services, and recreational activities. Fairplex only provides operational assistance. UC are well cared for under the supervision of HHS. For more information please visit HHS' website [here](#).

**Where are the Unaccompanied Children staying?**

Children will be securely sheltered in Fairplex's exposition halls and will receive three meals a day, snacks and shower facilities. There are no cages; each child will have their own sleeping cot.

**How long will the UC shelter be at Fairplex?**

HHS contracted for 60 days, with the option of an extension.

**What is the cost to the City to support this program?**

There will be no cost to the city. All expenses are paid by the federal government.

**Is Fairplex making money from this contract?**

Fairplex is contracting with HHS to lease building and grounds space at fair market value rates as well as cost recovery of services provided such as maintenance services and security.

**Is this an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation center?**

No, this is not a deportation center. EIS is a temporary shelter. It is under the umbrella of HHS.

**What COVID-19 safety precautions are in place at the EIS?**

UC will be tested upon arrival, and periodically thereafter. COVID positive children will be quarantined away from the rest of the children and provided medical care.

**How do UC shelters affect our community?**

The impact on the local community is minimal. These shelters are consistently quiet and good neighbors in the communities where they are located. HHS pays for and provides all services for the children while they are in care at a shelter. This includes food, clothing, education, medical screening and any needed medical care to the children. Children remain under HHS staff supervision at all times.

**What type of security will the EIS have?**

The federal department of Homeland Security will provide security, as well as Fairplex' own security.

**How can I volunteer?**

Volunteer efforts are currently being planned. Please check back here for more information.

## **Where can I donate?**

Since the announcement, there has been an outpouring of support from the community to welcome these children. For this effort, Fairplex is partnering with the Pomona Community Foundation (PCF), a local independent foundation whose Board is made up of the leaders of various civic institutions in Pomona. Monetary donations can be made to the Pomona Community Foundation – Esperanza Fund at: <https://connect.calfund.org/pomona-community-foundation>

The Esperanza Fund will help support the direct needs of the children, such as reunification packages for children who are safely released to a family member, sponsor, or transferred to an appropriate HHS shelter for longer-term care. The Esperanza Fund will partner with a local Pomona nonprofit to assess the needs and provide appropriate items of support as the children transition from the Fairplex Emergency Intake Site.

If you are interested in donating in-kind items, please return to this website for updates in the coming weeks. <https://fairplex.com/aboutus/hhs-teamhope>

## **What if I have a question?**

For more information, visit HHS' FAQ page [here](#) or the fact sheet on our website.

## **Can I tour the campus?**

Advocacy groups, elected officials, government partners, consulates, media and similar stakeholders may request tours by contacting the Office of Refugee Resettlement: Tours can be requested here: <https://orrresponse.force.com/s/>