

Fairplex, Los Angeles County Extend Lease for Sheraton Fairplex Hotel Hotel is Temporary Medical Shelter for Coronavirus Quarantine

POMONA, CA (June 19, 2020) – Fairplex and Los Angeles County have agreed to a six-month lease extension to use the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel as temporary housing for individuals who may have been ordered to isolate or quarantine by the Department of Public Health due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

"Our hospitals and healthcare facilities are currently serving individuals with severe COVID-19 symptoms who are at risk for poor outcomes. As we contain the spread of this virus, we also need quarantine and isolation sites where asymptomatic patients, patients with mild symptoms, and individuals who may have been exposed can receive non-urgent care and heal," said Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, in whose district Fairplex is located.

"Fairplex and the Sheraton have responded to this emergency with courage and compassion by providing LA County residents who may have been exposed to COVID-19 a safe space where they can recuperate and recover, keeping hospital beds open for more acute patients. This partnership is an example of state, county, and local leaders coming together to keep our communities safe and healthy. LA County stands in solidarity with the Fairplex as we work together to limit the rate of infection. I thank elected officials from the City of Pomona for their leadership, and the community for its support of this important site."

The Sheraton Fairplex, a 244-room hotel, is located on the Pomona campus of Fairplex. Fairplex owns the hotel; Marriott International manages it as the owner of the Sheraton Hotel chain. The agreement extension calls for the hotel to be used by the County from July 1 to Dec. 31. The County will continue to pay transient occupancy tax to the City of Pomona.

The original agreement was from March to May, which included a one-month extension for June. The Sheraton Fairplex was the first in the County to have the entire hotel contracted out to the County for COVID-19 assistance.

Fairplex is proud to continue its support of the County as it faces the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and reiterated that this may be the most important community service role Fairplex has played in its 98-year history.

"As a community benefit organization, we understand the need to provide regional accommodations for individuals who must be separated from their loved ones who have been medically directed to self-isolate," Santana said. "This is just one element of a much broader effort Fairplex has undertaken to help our community slow the spread of COVID-19."

Fairplex is also a County testing site and provides drive-thru food pantries twice a month.

Today's action is part of LA County's commitment to comply with the County Department of Public Health's guidelines to minimize the risk of transmission. While hotel rooms will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, the Department of Health Services said it will assist in housing individuals who

have been medically quarantined in close proximity to their home, making the Sheraton Fairplex an option for eastern San Gabriel Valley residents facing isolation over COVID-19 concerns.

To learn more about the County's response to the coronavirus outbreak, visit lacounty.gov/covid19/. For information on Fairplex, visit Fairplex.com.

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