

VACCINE CLINICS AT THE SALINAS SPORTS COMPLEX

The California Rodeo Salinas Association and the Salinas Sports Complex joined with the Grower-Shipper Association and Clinica De Salud to be a part of history during the COVID-19 Pandemic having enabled an ongoing effort to protect members of the community, including farmworkers who are now at or over a 80%* full vaccination rate. The Salinas Sports Complex/Rodeo Grounds served as the primary site host to the vaccination program which received national attention. The clinics culminated with a visit from the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services here at the Salinas Sports Complex.

Essential workers in many industries never stopped during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the indispensable farmworkers that call Monterey County home, who worked tirelessly to provide fresh produce around the globe. Over 2/3rds of all

farmworkers vaccinated in the Salinas Valley were able to receive their vaccinations through this partnership, helping to keep our communities safe and thriving.

Though it seems out of context with the California Rodeo Association's stature for professional rodeo competition as well as the facility's multi-purpose use as an entertainment and public/community use venue, it was an honor to be a part of this important endeavor to help protect so many lives.

We thank and salute them, the farmworkers, the farm employers and the Grower-Shipper Association together with Clinica De Salud for this historic effort.

* As of August 18, 2021

