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What's Happening on the Alliant Energy Center Campus? – Serving the Community in a time of need

For over 90 years, the Alliant Energy Center has been a community gathering place and an economic driver for the city, county and region. Even with a global pandemic causing massive business shut-downs and event cancellations, the campus continues to serve a very important – but different – community need.

In a true demonstration of the adaptability of the facility, the Alliant Energy Center is currently serving a variety of purposes to help with COVID-19-related support systems. Such extended functions include:

- serving as a drive-through testing site run by local healthcare providers;
- serving as a food distribution location for Second Harvest Food Bank;
- serving as training grounds for emergency vehicle operations; and
- being a pick-up point for the Garver Feed Mill and the Dane County Farmers' Markets.

In addition, Governor Evers recently announced the site has been identified as an optimal location for erecting an alternative care site by the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard should one be needed in the future. The space and location make it perfect for meeting those types of emergency needs.

One of the Alliant Energy Center's greatest assets is its size, flexibility and how quickly it can be converted from one use to another. County leaders are continuing to look at other ways the campus can be put to immediate use during this crisis and throughout the eventual recovery.