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## HARBOR HIGH SHELTER OPENS, OUTDOOR CAMPERS URGED TO RELOCATE

The Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) announces the opening of an ADA-compliant shelter.

• Harbor High School, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz. Room for 75 evacuees.

More than 45,000 residents have been displaced by the Lightning Complex Fires, and shelter capacity is limited due to COVID-19. Evacuees are asked to first check with friends or family for sheltering options.

With a Red Flag Warning in place through Monday bringing erratic winds and lightning, the EOC urges all evacuees currently staying outdoors in tents to seek refuge at indoor shelter. At this time, shelter capacity exists at the following locations:

- Harbor High School, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz.
- Cabrillo College (gymnasium), 6500 Soquel Ave., Aptos.
- Santa Cruz Bible Church, 440 Frederick St., Santa Cruz.
- Congregational Church of Soquel, 4951 Soquel Dr., Soquel.
- Simpkins Swim Center, 979 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz.

Shelter evacuees have access to food, restrooms and hygiene facilities, security, medical and behavioral health services and more.

For information and additional sheltering resources, go to <u>www.santacruzcounty.us/FireResources.aspx</u>. Information available in English or Spanish.