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PRESS RELEASE

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EXPANDED COVID-19 TESTING IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Unified Government Public Health Department extends hours, accepts walk-ins

As of this week the Unified Government's Public Health Department (UGPHD) has expanded its COVID-19 testing. Wyandotte County residents experiencing symptoms can drive through or walk through at 619 Ann Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101, Monday through Friday, 1-5pm, with no appointment needed.

Dr. Erin Corriveau, Deputy Medical Officer for the UGPHD, emphasized the importance of expanding testing for Wyandotte.

"Ramping up testing capacity in Wyandotte means we will get a clearer picture of what we are dealing with," Dr. Corriveau noted. "We wanted to remove barriers to testing, like removing the need for an appointment and opening up testing criteria, allowing more people to access testing. More testing will not only give community members information to protect their loved ones and neighbors – it will also help us see where and how COVID-19 is spreading. This is critical information to help us stop the spread of this disease in our community."

Testing is available, free of charge, for Wyandotte County residents who have experienced any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within the past 48 hours. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
- Body aches
- Sore throat
- Sudden lack of sense of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Tiredness

Testing is provided regardless of immigration status, health coverage, or ability to pay.



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Residents who prefer to set up an appointment can confidentially report their symptoms online at wycokck.org/COVID-19 or by calling 3-1-1. Someone from the Health Department will follow up to set up a testing appointment and provide further guidance.

Additionally, the UGPHD will continue to work with the recently-formed Health Equity Task Force to identify locations across the community for “pop-up” testing. The first pop-up testing site was held Monday, April 20, at All Saints Parish at 811 Vermont Ave. The pop-up site was coordinated by Vibrant Health, All Saints Parish Ministry of Health, the Health Equity Task Force, and the UGPHD.

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