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Unified Government Public Health Department Offers Free COVID-19 Vaccines for 12- to 15-year-olds

COVID-19 Vaccines Monday – Friday; Additional Childhood Vaccines on Wednesdays

Today the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) announced that it is offering free COVID-19 vaccinations for adolescents age 12 to 15. This follows FDA authorization, as well as announcements from the CDC and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in this age group.

“This is a big step forward in protecting young people and families in our community from COVID-19,” said Juliann Van Liew, Director of the Unified Government Public Health Department. “We are very excited to be able to offer COVID vaccines to kids and teens age 12 to 15 in our community. We are also providing opportunities this summer for kids to catch up on the vaccinations they need for school, on Wednesdays at our vaccine site at the former Kmart. Now that the CDC recommended offering other vaccines at the same time as the COVID vaccine, it is great to be able to offer childhood vaccinations and COVID vaccinations in the same visit so families don’t have to make separate trips.”

COVID-19 Vaccines Monday-Friday

Adolescents age 12-15 may also receive a COVID-19 vaccination during any of the UGPHD’s Monday through Friday vaccination hours at its three mass vaccination sites. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. COVID-19 vaccines are provided for free, and patients do not have to have health insurance to be vaccinated.

Location	Hours
Former Best Buy 10500 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS 66109	Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Site will be closed after May 25 th .
Former Kmart 7836 State Avenue Kansas City, KS 66112	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wednesday: noon – 7:00 p.m.

The Armory 100 South 20 th Street Kansas City, KS 66102	Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. <i>Saturdays vaccination clinics will continue in May and June for people ages 18 and older, with the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine. Saturday clinics are provided in partnership with Donnelly College.</i>
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Other Childhood Immunizations

On Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. this summer at the former Kmart site, the UGPHD is offering free childhood immunizations for children who are uninsured or are insured through Kansas Medicaid (KanCare). If a child has private insurance, families should follow up with their primary care doctor or pediatrician about childhood vaccinations. These clinics are intended to help students catch up on vaccines that are required in Kansas schools before the 2021-2022 school year. Kids and teens must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. ***For general childhood vaccinations, families should bring the child's Vaccination Record or a letter from the school nurse saying which vaccine the child needs. This is not required for children receiving only the COVID-19 vaccine.***

Kids and teens age 12 and up may receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as their other vaccinations. If parents and guardians also want a COVID-19 vaccine, they are welcome to receive their COVID-19 vaccination at the same time as their children. Different childhood vaccines (required for different ages or grade levels) will be available on different dates. See schedule below:

Grade/Age levels	Dates	Vaccines available
Middle School Typically those aged 11-15	All school districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 19 • May 26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDaP(TD) (tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis) • MCV4 (Meningococcal/Meningitis) • HPV (Human Papillomavirus) • COVID-19 vaccine (for ages 12+)
High School Typically those aged 16-18	USD 500 High schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2: Wyandotte High School and Sumner Academy • June 9: F.L. Schlagle and Washington High Schools • June 16: J.C. Harmon High School Bonner Springs, Piper, and Turner High Schools: June 23 and June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCV4 (Meningococcal/Meningitis) • MENB (Meningococcal/Meningitis B) • HPV (Human Papillomavirus) • COVID-19 vaccine (for ages 12+)
Elementary School Typically those aged 4-6	All school districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 7 • July 14 • July 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTaP (tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis) • IPV (Polio) • MMR (Measles, Mumps, & Rubella)

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Help for Those Who Need Transportation

The UGPHD also offers free transportation to a vaccination site for individuals, families, and groups. To submit a request, go to WycoVaccines.org. Residents with no internet connection can call 3-1-1 to make their transportation or homebound vaccination request.

Additionally, bus access has been expanded for Saturday vaccine clinics in May at the Armory. Bus Routes 102, 103, and 118 now provide service to The Armory on Saturdays, every 30 minutes. There is also a special transfer stop between Route 106 and Route 118 at 18th & Quindaro, Kansas City, KS. Please note: Saturday vaccine clinics are for people age 18 and older.

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Community Information and Questions:

Vaccine information: Go to WycoVaccines.org or call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311)
Other COVID-19 updates: Go to wycokck.org/COVID-19

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