



# News Release

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## Unified Government Public Health Department Expands Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Unit Access in Wyandotte County

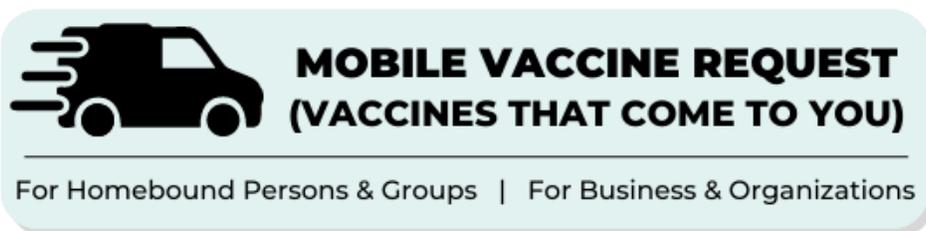
Adjusted hours at vaccine sites to offer mobile clinics for organizations and businesses

Today the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) announced that it is expanding its mobile COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Businesses, organizations, and other groups in Wyandotte County can now request on-site vaccine clinics for groups. This mobile vaccine service and the COVID-19 vaccinations are free, and no insurance is required.

"We recognize that coming to our vaccine sites doesn't work for everyone, so now we are bringing vaccines to our community members," said Juliann Van Liew, Director of the Unified Government Public Health Department. "I feel very strongly that bringing vaccines to community spaces is the way forward to increase vaccine accessibility and get more of our community members vaccinated. Any organization in WyCo can sign up for this free service – that could be a church offering vaccines for their members, a business getting their employees vaccinated, an apartment complex providing vaccines for their residents, or any other organization in the area that has a group of folks who want to be vaccinated."

### How to sign up

Organizations and groups can sign up by going to [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org), and clicking the **Mobile Vaccine Request** button to fill out the request form. Those without internet access can call 3-1-1 (or dial 913-573-5311 if calling from outside of Wyandotte County) for assistance with arranging a mobile vaccine request.



Before you submit your request, you will need to know:

- How many people in your group want to be vaccinated
- The address of where you want to host the mobile vaccine clinic
- Contact information for the primary contact at your organization (this way the UGPHD can reach out about logistics and scheduling)

In addition to offering vaccines to the group that has signed up, the UGPHD is working to open up some of these mobile clinics to the general public when it is feasible to do so. Information on additional vaccine

locations or events open to the public will be posted at [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or on the UGPHD Facebook and Twitter pages (@UGHealthDept).

Mobile Vaccines are not just for groups, but also for individuals who cannot come to the UGPHD vaccine sites. The Mobile Vaccine Request is still accepting requests from individuals who are homebound who need to receive a vaccine in their home. The request works the same way - just fill out the form at [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or call 3-1-1.

**Adjusted hours at regular vaccines sites**

Starting May 10, the UGPHD is reducing some of its hours at the existing vaccination sites in order to provide more mobile vaccine opportunities. The UGPHD is reducing vaccine hours the former Best Buy location and at the Armory. Additionally, due to lower demand, the former Best Buy site is closing after May 25. Monday through Friday vaccine hours will continue at the former Kmart location at 78<sup>th</sup> and State Ave in Kansas City, KS. Wednesday evening hours at the former Kmart have been extended to 7:00 p.m. Anyone age 16 and older can get vaccinated with or without an appointment at these locations. See updated schedule below.

Location	Hours
<b>Former Best Buy</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Former Kmart</b> 7836 State Avenue Kansas City, KS 66112	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  <b>Hours extended:</b> Wednesday: noon - <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>The Armory</b> 100 South 20 <sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, KS 66102	Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  <i>Saturdays in May and June are provided in partnership with Donnelly College. Please note: Saturday clinics provide the one-dose Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine and are for people ages 18 and older.</i>

**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](http://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.

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**Community Information and Questions:**

Vaccine information: Go to [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311)

Other COVID-19 updates: Go to [wycokck.org/COVID-19](http://wycokck.org/COVID-19)

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