



# News Release

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## Unified Government Announces Saturday COVID-19 Vaccination Hours Throughout April

*Wyandotte County Adults Will Receive One-Dose, Johnson & Johnson Vaccine*

The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) announced today that it will have Saturday hours at its East vaccination facility located at the Kansas National Guard Armory, every Saturday in April. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 10, April 17 and April 24. The Armory site is located at 100 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, KS. Saturday vaccinations at the Armory are open to people age 18 and older who live in Wyandotte County.

Patients being vaccinated on Saturdays will receive the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It should be noted that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is only approved for people ages 18 and older. Wyandotte County residents wishing to be vaccinated can either walk in to receive their vaccination or make an appointment.

“Throughout the vaccine rollout, we have been working to make vaccines more accessible for our County,” explained Juliann Van Liew, Director of the Unified Government Public Health Department. “We’ve heard from many of our partner agencies and community members that people needed the option of weekend vaccination hours. Now we’re able to provide those throughout April. Wyandotte County residents can walk in or make an appointment, whichever they prefer. If they need transportation assistance, we can provide that as well. We want everyone living in Wyandotte County to have the opportunity to get the vaccination at a time and a location that works for them, and we hope this helps make that possible.”

### Some Vaccination Hours Reduced

In order to accommodate the new Saturday vaccination hours, the UGPHD will need to reduce hours on Mondays temporarily. For April:

- The Armory vaccination (100 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St) site will be closed on Monday, April 12
- The former Kmart site (7836 State Ave) will be closed on Monday, April 19
- The former Best Buy site (10500 Parallel Pkwy) will be closed on Monday, April 26

### How to Schedule a Vaccine Appointment Online

1. Go to [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org), and click on the blue button that says, “Click here to schedule an appointment online.”
2. Fill out pertinent contact information.
3. Select a preferred vaccination site. A calendar will then be displayed with available dates.
4. Select a date to see available appointment times, then click the time you would like to schedule.
5. Once the vaccination appointment is scheduled, the application shows a confirmation, along with any additional instructions.
6. When coming in for your appointment, you will be asked to show proof of that you live in Wyandotte County, such as a piece of mail addressed to you, drivers’ license, or similar.

Please note that when users book an appointment using the Self-Scheduling Tool, that means they will be vaccinated within the hour of their appointment time. For example, if a user selects “10 a.m.” as their appointment time, they will be vaccinated between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on their selected date.

### **How to Schedule a Vaccine Appointment by Phone**

Wyandotte County residents who don't have an internet connection can call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311) for assistance in scheduling their vaccination appointment time and date, or for assistance in requesting a ride to and from vaccine sites.

Please note: While walk-in patients are welcomed at any of the sites, *walk-in patients will not be accepted after 2:30 p.m.* All Wyandotte County residents who want a vaccination (whether by appointment or walk-in) must bring proof of residence with them, such as a piece of mail, drivers' license, or similar.

### **Request a Ride to and From a Vaccination Site**

People who live in Wyandotte County can request transportation assistance to get their COVID-19 vaccination. They can submit a request online at [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or by calling 3-1-1.

### **Tips for Getting Your Vaccine**

When it's time for you to get your COVID-19 vaccine, keep these tips in mind:

- Please eat something (even a snack) before getting your vaccination.
- Be prepared to wait in the Recovery area for 15-30 minutes after your vaccination
- Wear a short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt so you can be vaccinated more easily (if it's chilly out, wear a sweater or jacket over your short-sleeved shirt).

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The UGPHD is seeking additional volunteers to help with COVID-19 vaccine efforts. Volunteers are needed in both clinical and non-clinical roles. People interested in joining the volunteer team are invited to fill out the Volunteer Application: [ughealth.info/volunteer](http://ughealth.info/volunteer).

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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)