



# News Release

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## Unified Government Public Health Department Announces Expanded Vaccine Access, Updated Vaccine Facility Hours as of Monday, April 19

*Now All Kansas Residents Can Be Vaccinated at UGPHD Facilities*

The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) announced today that it is expanding access to its mass vaccination facilities and updating hours to include early morning and evening hours. ***Effective as of Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, all Kansas residents can make an appointment to be vaccinated at any of the UGPHD vaccination facilities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.*** Wyandotte County residents and individuals who work in Wyandotte County may still access the sites as walk-in patients.

“We have the capacity to administer vaccinations to many more people than we are currently seeing in our facilities,” explained Juliann Van Liew, Director of the Unified Government Public Health Department. “It’s time to use that capacity to benefit any Kansas resident who wants to come in and get their free COVID-19 vaccination. To have that capability and not use it would be a public disservice. This is the best way forward that we see toward getting more Kansans vaccinated and thus protected from the COVID-19 virus, so we can all get back to doing the things we love to do.”

Kansans who wish to schedule an appointment can use the UGPHD Self Scheduling Tool. Go to [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org), and click on the blue button that says, “Click here to schedule an appointment online.” To see this page in Spanish, click on the word “Español” at the top of the page. 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.

When coming in for your appointment, you may be asked to show that you live in Kansas, such as showing a drivers’ license, piece of mail addressed to you, or similar.

### UGPHD Announces Early Morning, Evening Hours

In addition to expanded vaccine access for all Kansans, UGPHD facilities will have updated hours beginning Monday, April 19. The UGPHD is evaluating these new evening and early morning hours for the next three to four weeks. At that time, the UGPHD will reassess and adjust the schedule if needed. The latest hours will be available online at [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or by calling 3-1-1.

Location	Hours
Former Best Buy 10500 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS 66109	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. <i>Closed on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup></i>  <b>NEW: Thursday: 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>

<b>Former Kmart</b> 7836 State Avenue Kansas City, KS 66112	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. <i>Closed on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup></i>  <b>NEW: Wednesday: noon – 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>The Armory</b> 100 South 20 <sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, KS 66102	Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Saturdays, April 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### **Vaccinations for People Who Live or Work in Wyandotte County**

During regular vaccination facility hours Monday through Friday, people living in Wyandotte County who are 16 years of age and older can get vaccinated without an appointment at any of the UGPHD’s three vaccination facilities (these sites usually provide Pfizer vaccines Monday–Friday, which are authorized for ages 16 and up; people 18 and up may receive Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, depending on the available supply).

All Wyandotte County residents who want a vaccination (whether by appointment or walk-in) are asked to bring proof that they live in Wyandotte County, such as a drivers’ license, piece of mail, or similar. People who work in Wyandotte County may be asked to prove that they work in Wyandotte County by showing a work badge, a pay stub, or similar.

People who live or work in Wyandotte County and wish to schedule an appointment can use the online Self-Scheduling Tool at [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or call 3-1-1. 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.

### **Saturday Clinics in April Scheduled**

Saturday vaccine clinics will be held at the Armory vaccination facility, located at 100 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street in KCK, on Saturday, April 17 and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday vaccination clinics are open to anyone living or working in Wyandotte County who is 18 years old and older. Patients at these Saturday vaccine clinics will receive a free, two-dose COVID-19 vaccine. ***Note – these Saturday hours are at the Armory location ONLY!***

***Free COVID-19 testing is also available outside of the Armory during the Saturday clinics.*** Everyone who gets tested can sign up to receive a \$25 gift card in the mail (testing patients will not receive their gift card that day, it will be mailed to them after the testing event). Please note: you do *not* have to get tested in order to receive a vaccine, but you are welcome and encouraged to stop by the testing area on your way out after getting vaccinated. Getting more people in our community tested helps public health experts monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

### **Transportation Now Available on Saturdays**

Transportation assistance is now available for those who need a ride to and from their vaccine appointment on Saturdays, as well as the UGPHD Monday through Friday hours. To request

transportation assistance, visit [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org), and click on the gold button that says, “Do you need a ride to get a COVID-19 vaccine?” or call 3-1-1. *To see these options in Spanish, click on the word “Español” at the top of the page.*

### **Monday Vaccination Hours Will Be Reduced**

In order to accommodate the April Saturday vaccinations, the UGPHD will be scaling back hours at its vaccination facilities on these upcoming Mondays:

- The Kmart site will be closed on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>
- The Best Buy site will be closed on Monday, April 26

For updates on vaccination site hours and more information about getting vaccinated in Wyandotte County, visit [WycoVaccines.org](http://WycoVaccines.org) or call 3-1-1.

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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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