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Wyandotte Countians Can Now Receive Prizes When They Get a COVID-19 Vaccine *Unified Government Public Health Department Launches #IHelpedConquerCOVID Vaccine and Testing Incentive Program for Wyandotte County*

Starting Tuesday, June 22, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) is launching the #IHelpedConquerCOVID incentive program to encourage Wyandotte County residents to get vaccinated or tested. People who live in Wyandotte County and get vaccinated at any UGPHD vaccine clinic can receive an immediate gift to take home, or be entered to win a larger prize.

“We want to provide another reason for people to consider getting vaccinated or getting tested now,” said Nicole Garner, UGPHD Planning & Operations Manager. “We know not everyone is excited about the idea of getting vaccinated. For some people, maybe they have had bad experiences in healthcare settings before that make them not so eager to come in. For others, the possibility of side effects like headache or fatigue make them put off getting vaccinated. This is a way to encourage folks to consider making time to come in now, and thanking them for helping protect our community. Getting vaccinated helps protect you, but it also helps protect everyone around you. And testing is still important as well to help monitor and control the spread of COVID in our community.”

Current Gifts and Prizes Available – *While Supplies Last!*

Incentives for Vaccinations

Beginning June 22, people who live in Wyandotte County who get vaccinated by the UGPHD can **receive one of the following:**

- People age 12-17 can walk away with one of the following:
 - Silver season pass to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun, or,
 - Dinner for four and game passes for Dave & Buster’s
- People age 18 and older can get entered for:
 - A chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card – *three winning entries will be drawn each day that the UGPHD vaccinations are operating*

Incentives for COVID-19 Testing Also Available

Also beginning June 22, people who live in Wyandotte County who come in to a UGPHD site for a COVID-19 test will receive a \$25 Visa gift card (one gift card per person, while supplies last). People coming in to get vaccinated may get tested at the same time and receive a gift both for their test and their vaccination. The UGPHD primarily provides COVID-19 saliva tests (“spit tests” with no swab) but also has nasopharyngeal tests available (swab at the back of the nose/throat) for people who cannot produce enough saliva for the spit test.

Anyone age 12 and older who lives in Wyandotte County is eligible to get vaccinated and receive a gift. People of all ages who live in Wyandotte County are eligible to get tested and receive a gift. Minors should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Additional Give-Aways This Summer

The UGPHD is kicking off the #IHelpedConquerCOVID program with the prizes shown above, and will be offering different gifts and prizes in the coming months for people who live in Wyandotte County who choose to get vaccinated or tested.

Stay tuned for updates on available give-aways on the UGPHD's Facebook and Twitter (@UGHealthDept) or at WycoVaccines.org.

UGPHD Vaccine Clinic Hours

The UGPHD mass vaccination site hours will be changing in July. Based on what the UGPHD is seeing with vaccination activity in Wyandotte County, the UGPHD has decided to reduce to one stationary vaccination site (Kmart location) and to continue with a heavy focus on mobile vaccinations around the community.

Hours now through July 2:

- Kmart site (7836 State Ave, Kansas City, KS)
 - **Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - *vaccine and testing incentives available!***
- Armory site (100 S. 20th St, Kansas City, KS)
 - **Thursday and Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - *vaccine and testing incentives available!***
 - Saturday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 - *This is the last Saturday vaccination clinic at the Armory. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be provided on Saturday, and is authorized for people ages 18 and older. Saturday clinics are provided in partnership with Donnelly College.*

Hours beginning the week of July 5:

- Kmart site (7836 State Ave, Kansas City, KS)
 - **Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - *vaccine and testing incentives available!***
- CLOSED: Armory site (100 S. 20th St, Kansas City, KS)

Mobile vaccines can still be requested online at WycoVaccines.org or by calling 3-1-1 (913-573-5311).

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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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