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Unified Government Public Health Department Launches Self-Scheduling Tool for COVID-19 Vaccinations

Part of County's Effort to Ensure All Residents have Ready, Equal Access to Vaccination

As Wyandotte County, along with the rest of Kansas, enters Phase 5 of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout Plan, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) is launching a new online tool that allows people to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination at their convenience. Anyone age 16 and older who lives in Wyandotte County is currently eligible to be vaccinated, with or without an appointment.

How to Schedule a Vaccine Appointment Online

1. Go to 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.

Vaccinations Also Available Without an Appointment

Wyandotte County residents 16 years of age and older can also get vaccinated without an appointment at any of the UGPHD's three vaccination facilities. The goal of the UGPHD is to provide the public with a variety of options when it comes to getting their vaccinations, so that anyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccination can get one at a date, time and location convenient for them.

"We want to remove any barriers that keep people from getting a vaccine," said Juliann Van Liew, Director of the UGPHD. "If it's easier for them to walk in, they can walk in, if they choose to schedule their appointment they can. We also have resources to help community members who need

transportation to get their vaccine or who are homebound. We want anyone living in Wyandotte County who wants to be vaccinated to have ready, equal access to COVID-19 vaccinations.”

People living in Wyandotte County can choose any of the UGPHD vaccination sites for their vaccination, with or without an appointment. These sites are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West Location

Former Best Buy
10500 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

Central Location

Former Kmart
7836 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66112

East Location

The Kansas National Guard Armory
100 South 20th Street
Kansas City, KS 66102

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.

Help for Homebound or Those Who Need Transportation

The UGPHD also offers assistance for people who need transportation to a vaccination site, or for those who are homebound and want a free COVID-19 vaccination. To submit a request, go to WycoVaccines.org. Click on the yellow and black button that says, “Do you need a ride to get a COVID-19 vaccine?” and fill out the request form. Residents with no internet connection can call 3-1-1 to make their transportation or homebound vaccination request.

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.

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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