# **News Release**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Unified Government Public Health Department Making Free COVID-19 Vaccinations Available to Anyone 16 Years and Older, Regardless of Residency

The Unified Government Public Health Department announced today that it will now offer free, COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone age 16 and over, regardless of where they live or work (including people who live outside of Kansas). This change will go into effect immediately.

"Getting more and more people vaccinated is the best opportunity we have to control and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community," said Juliann Van Liew, Director of the Unified Government Public Health Department. "We're pleased to be able to offer these free COVID-19 vaccines to anyone who is 16 years and older, regardless of where they live or work, and that includes people who live outside of Kansas."

Free vaccines are now available at all of the Unified Government's mass vaccination locations, whether by appointment or walk-in.

Anyone 16 and older who wishes to schedule an appointment can use the UGPHD Self Scheduling Tool. Go to 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 (outside of Wyandotte County, call 913-573-5311) for assistance in scheduling their vaccination appointment time and date.

# UGPHD Announces Early Morning, Evening Hours

In addition to expanded vaccine access for anyone age 16 and over, UGPHD facilities now have updated hours. 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 or by calling 3-1-1.

Location	Hours
Former Best Buy	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:
10500 Parallel Parkway	9 a.m 2:30 p.m.
Kansas City, KS 66109	-
	NEW: Thursday: 7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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<b>Former Kmart</b> 7836 State Avenue Kansas City, KS 66112	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
	NEW: Wednesday: noon – 5:30 p.m.
The Armory	Monday – Friday:
100 South 20 <sup>th</sup> Street	9 a.m 2:30 p.m.
Kansas City, KS 66102	
_	Saturday clinics will continue in May and
	June – more details coming soon!

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.* 

## 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 <u>WycoVaccines.org</u>. Residents with no internet connection can call 3-1-1 to make their transportation or homebound vaccination request.

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#### **Community Information and Questions:**

Vaccine information: Go to <u>WycoVaccines.org</u> or call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311) Other COVID-19 updates: Go to <u>wycokck.org/COVID-19</u>

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