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Free COVID-19 Vaccines Available on Saturdays Throughout May and June at the Amory in Kansas City, Kansas

Vaccines are available for anyone age 18 and older, no appointment needed

The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) and Donnelly College announced today that Saturday vaccine hours at the Kansas National Guard Armory will continue in May and June. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Armory site is located at 100 South 20th Street in Kansas City, KS.

Saturday vaccinations at the Armory are open to people age 18 and older, regardless of where they live or work. Vaccines are provided for free, and health insurance is not required to get vaccinated. People wishing to be vaccinated can simply walk in – no appointment needed.

The continued Saturday vaccine clinics are possible because of a partnership between the UGPHD and Donnelly College. The Saturday hours will be staffed by Donnelly College's School of Nursing, with planning and logistical support provided by the UGPHD. The UGPHD's East vaccination site at the Armory was selected because of the capacity at the site to vaccinate a large number of people and to keep the location consistent with the Saturday clinics in April.

"We know it is hard for people to get away from work or other obligations during the week, so it's important to keep offering weekend vaccination options," said Juliann Van Liew, Director of the UGPHD. "We are incredibly grateful to Donnelly for making it possible to keep Saturday COVID-19 vaccinations going at the Armory in May and June. Our hope is that offering expanded vaccine hours, as well as other supports like free transportation options to and from our vaccine sites, will make vaccines more accessible in our community."

"We are doing this because we want to help our community become safer against COVID," said Patricia Palmietto, Director of Nursing at Donnelly College. "This also provides a great example for our nursing students on how to help in community settings and how important the smallest things can be."

Patients being vaccinated for the first time on Saturdays will receive the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which means no need to return for another dose. People who received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine on Saturday, April 17 or 24, will be able to return to the Armory during the Saturday clinics on May 15 and May 22 to get their second dose of Moderna. It should be noted that both of these vaccines are only approved for people ages 18 and older.

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 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).

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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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