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Beginning Monday, March 29 – People Age 16+ Who Live in Wyandotte County Will Be Eligible for Free COVID-19 Vaccinations

Kansas Moves to Phase 5 of Vaccine Roll Out Starting Monday

Now all Wyandotte County residents aged 16 and over are eligible for free COVID-19 vaccinations beginning Monday, March 29, 2021. This is in the wake of Governor Laura Kelly's announcement earlier today that the state would move to Phase 5 of its COVID-19 vaccination roll out.

Two Ways to Get Vaccinated

Wyandotte County residents 16 years of age and older can get vaccinated either by walking into one of the Unified Government Public Health Department's (UGPHD) three vaccination facilities, or by appointment. The UGPHD is developing a new way for people in Wyandotte County to set their appointments online or by phone. More information on this scheduling tool will be coming next week.

"We believe it is important to offer both appointments and walk-in vaccinations, so our community members have multiple options for getting vaccinated," Juliann Van Liew, Director of the UGPHD. We aim to make the COVID-19 vaccine more accessible to our community by providing these options, as well as assistance with things such as transportation to and from our sites and mobile vaccines for people who are homebound."

Wyandotte County residents can choose any of the three UGPHD vaccination centers for their appointment or walk-in vaccination. 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.*

What to Bring With You

All Wyandotte County residents who want a vaccination (whether by appointment or walk-in) must bring proof that they live in Wyandotte County, such as a piece of mail addressed to them, driver's license, etc.

Minors (those ages 16 or 17)

- Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

- Parent or guardian must bring proof of guardianship (birth certificate, legal court records, insurance card with names list, or similar)
- Parents/guardians must bring a picture ID such as a drivers' license, passport or similar
- Minors must be able to verify their age (ID, birth certificate, insurance card, passport or similar)

Help for Homebound or Those Who Need Transportation

The UGPHD also offers assistance for people who need transportation to and from a vaccination site, or for those who are homebound and want a free COVID-19 vaccination. For either circumstance, those in need can visit [WycoVaccines.org](https://www.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.

Once patients have completed the form, they will be contacted by a Community Health Worker, who will help schedule their vaccination and transportation as needed, or their at-home vaccination if needed. Patients receive a reminder the day before their scheduled appointment. Additional volunteers and Community Health Workers will be at vaccination sites on the day of their vaccination, to ensure those who need return transportation home receive it.

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 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](https://www.wycovaccines.org) or call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311)
Other COVID-19 updates: Go to wycokck.org/COVID-19

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