



News Release

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Unified Government Public Health Department Introduces Third Phase of COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives Program

*Bigger Spin to Win Prizes, High-Dollar Raffle Prizes and Educational Awards for Students All
New to Phase III*

On August 18, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) will launch the third phase of its incentive program aimed to encourage Wyandotte County residents to get their free COVID-19 vaccinations.

New features of this third phase of incentives include:

- Bigger “Spin to Win” instant prizes:
 - Anyone living in Wyandotte County age 12 and over, who gets their first dose of free COVID-19 vaccine at the Kmart facility can Spin to Win instant prizes.
 - Those who play the Spin to Win instant prize game can now win up to \$100 instantly.
 - Other Spin to Win prizes include \$50 and \$25 gift cards, restaurant gift cards, custom t-shirts and more!
- “Big Ticket” Raffle Drawings:
 - The UGPHD will hold two “high-dollar” raffle drawings for those age 20 and over who get their first dose of free COVID-19 vaccine:
 - There will be one \$10,000 raffle prize and one \$5,000 raffle prize drawing.
 - Anyone living in Wyandotte County age 20 or over will have the choice to either receive an Instant Prize through the Spin to Win wheel OR enter to win the \$10,000 or \$5,000 raffle drawings.
 - Winners of the \$10,000 and \$5,000 raffle drawings will be announced in October.
- Educational awards for students:
 - New, \$500 educational awards will now be raffled off each week for students between the ages of 12 and 19 who get their first dose of free COVID-19 vaccine at the Kmart facility.

- These are for Wyandotte County students age 12 – 19 while supplies last (and please note that supplies are limited).
- Students age 12 – 19 may Spin to Win and instant prize AND enter the raffle for an education award.
- Drawings for these educational awards will be held every week through the end of September.
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Note: Only those who live in Wyandotte County and who are receiving their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination are eligible for UGPHD vaccine incentives, including the Spin to Win program, student educational awards and raffles and any other future incentives.

“The number of COVID cases in Wyandotte County continues to surge rapidly, and the vast majority of these new cases are caused by the Delta variant,” said Nicole Garner, UGPHD Planning and Operations Manager. “That means it’s more important than ever that Wyandotte County residents get vaccinated against the virus. The vast majority of those Delta variant COVID cases occurred in unvaccinated people. We want to find new and innovative ways to encourage Wyandotte County residents to come in now and get vaccinated and help protect our community.”

“Wyandotte County continues to lag behind other counties in the region in terms of vaccination rates,” explained Dr. Allen Greiner, Chief Health Officer of the Unified Government Public Health Department. “In fact, the majority of Wyandotte County residents have not received a COVID-19 vaccine. This puts our community at especially high risk of increased outbreaks of the Delta variant of the virus, because it spreads so easily. And it’s very important to get our young people ages 12 to 19 vaccinated before school starts. We have thousands of kids under 12 who can’t be vaccinated yet getting ready to go back to school. The best way to protect them is to make sure all adults and any students over 12 who can be vaccinated and who will be around them, are fully vaccinated.”

UGPHD Vaccine Clinic Hours

The UGPHD still provides vaccines and testing each week at its location at the former Kmart building, 7836 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66112.

- **COVID-19 vaccination hours:** Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **COVID-19 testing hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the Kmart site, the UGPHD’s mobile vaccine team will provide vaccinations at several upcoming community locations and events. Find out more about upcoming events on the UGPHD Facebook page: facebook.com/UGHealthDept

Mobile vaccines can still be requested online at WycoVaccines.org or by calling 3-1-1 (or call 913-573-5311 if outside of Wyandotte County).

Process for News Media Covering Incentives

If you are interested in covering the new phase of incentives and would like to get an interview with a UGPHD representative, or to send a reporter or photographer to the Kmart site, please reach out in advance to Janell Friesen, the UGPHD's Public Information Officer, to set something up.

Media at the UGPHD vaccination site will be accompanied at all times by the PIO or by another member of the UGPHD's communications team. Patients at the UGPHD facility may not be on camera or interviewed without consent in writing.

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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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