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### **Walmart Pharmacy Provides Vaccines to Jackson Metro Area**

JACKSON, Miss. - March 5, 2021 – Following last week’s success, The Housing Authority of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (JHA) and Wishrock, in collaboration with Walmart and The Good Samaritan Center, are pleased to announce a second week of free COVID-19 vaccinations to be administered at The Golden Key EnVision Center (GKEC), located across from Brinkley Middle School in Jackson.

Appointment time slots are still available for Friday through Monday of this week, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Eligible recipients of the vaccine can schedule an appointment by calling 833-886-0023.

Executive Director of Jackson Housing Authority, Allison Cox, says she is ecstatic about the opportunity for the community.

“It was important to Jackson Housing Authority that we make the previously difficult to obtain vaccines readily available for an often

under-served community. Jackson residents are ready to return to some degree of normal and this is a great start,” Cox said.

With 250 first doses available each day of the vaccination drive, these opportunities should not go to waste.

Executive Director of Good Samaritan Center, Kathy Clem, says she is thrilled with the way her staff have worked hard to schedule appointments for Good Sam’s senior clients.

“This has been a fabulous opportunity to help eligible seniors and disabled clients that don’t have a computer or internet access get the vaccination. Going door to door to sign folks up and also having a phone number for folks to call to schedule appointments has made a huge difference. In addition, having the vaccination site within an easy close walking distance has been huge for so many of our clients,” Clem said.

As of yesterday, Governor Reeves has opened up COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to anyone 50 years of age or older, in addition to teachers and staff in K-12, preschool and childcare facilities, first responders, and anyone ages 18-49 with underlying medical conditions.

Those involved in the collaboration would like to remind individuals that this is not a drive-thru. Please remember to wear your masks, bring a form of photo I.D., and an insurance card, if applicable.

GKEC seeks to unlock doors of opportunity for families and individuals through economic empowerment measures, educational advancement programs, health and wellness initiatives, and character and leadership development, while creating a sense of belonging in the community. Its founders believe these four guiding principles are the “golden keys” to achieving self-sufficiency and advancement.

For more information about the vaccination drive, please visit Golden Key EnVision center’s Facebook page, or contact Allison Cox at [acox@jacksonhousing.org](mailto:acox@jacksonhousing.org).

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