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# Jackson County Public Health Launches Free Health Vending Machine in Lee's Summit

*Bluebox offers confidential, 24/7 access to essential health supplies*

**Lee's Summit, MO**: Jackson County Public Health is pleased to announce the launch of the county's first free health vending machine, Bluebox. This innovative kiosk, now open in downtown Lee's Summit, operates like a snack vending machine - except it provides health products to residents at no cost and without requiring a doctor's visit.

Bluebox represents a significant step in making essential health resources more accessible to the community. Stocked with a wide range of supplies, including Narcan, fentanyl test strips, first aid kits, hand sanitizer, and more, the machine empowers people to take charge of their health in a simple and convenient way.




"This initiative is about meeting people where they are and ensuring everyone has access to the tools they need to stay safe and healthy," said **Bridgette Shaffer, Health Director of Jackson County Public Health**. "Bluebox helps remove barriers like cost and stigma so anyone can get what they need, when they need it."

This Bluebox vending machine is made possible through the support of the **Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation** and is now open 24/7 in the downtown Lee's Summit public parking garage.

It's the first vending machine in a countywide initiative to increase access to public health supplies and lifesaving tools like Narcan, helping prevent overdoses and support healthier communities.

To celebrate this milestone, Jackson County Public Health is bringing together community leaders and local partners for a ribbon cutting ceremony this Friday, and you're invited.

## Event Details:

**What:** Bluebox Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
**When:** 2 p.m. Friday, April 17
**Where:** 200 SE Green Street, Lee's Summit, MO;
Downtown Public Parking Garage (southwest corner)

Interviews and demonstrations on how to use the machine will be available before and after the ceremony, or by request.

For more information about the Bluebox initiative, visit jcph.org/bluebox. For more information about Narcan, overdose prevention, and additional resources, visit jcph.org/opioids.

For media questions, please contact **Matthew.Evans@uhkc.org**.

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