

# KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

## KLITSCHKO: KYIV NEGOTIATING TO PURCHASE COVID-19 VACCINE

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed that the municipality is negotiating a deal with some drug companies to purchase one million doses of Covid-19 vaccine to vaccinate 500,000 Kyivans.

"Currently we are negotiating with some US and European vaccine developers to buy 1 million doses. I use all my foreign contacts and pull all strings to have the best deal," said Klitschko.

He told that while Ukraine has not received any vaccine so far, Kyiv is ready to procure vaccines for COVID-19 at the city's cost. Kyiv is the largest city in Ukraine and the virus is spreading the fastest here.

"We must prevent the virus spread and protect the most vulnerable populations, in particular the frontline medical workers, the elderly, municipal, emergency and social services workers, as well as school staff," stressed the mayor.

He also announced preliminary arrangements with some vaccine developers and added that the city's healthcare infrastructure is ready to start a vaccination programme.

"We will procure the vaccine for the coronavirus disease directly from a vaccine developer. As soon as we reach an agreement, I will inform the public. People from priority groups will receive the vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost," remarked Vitali Klitschko.



# KLITSCHKO ATTENDS THE UNVEILING OF THE FIRST OFFLINE IKEA STORE

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the first offline IKEA store in Ukraine. Florian Mellet, the Market Leader of IKEA in Ukraine and Tobias Thyberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine were also in attendance for the ceremony.



“My congratulations to IKEA company, Kyivans and all Ukrainians on the official launch of the first physical IKEA store located in Kyiv,” said Klitschko. “It was our joint effort to make this happen. I am delighted that our negotiations with IKEA over the past four years have proved successful and today the first IKEA store opens its doors to customers what is especially important now when the pandemic has hit hard the business worldwide,” emphasized the mayor.

He also stated that one of his key tasks as mayor of the European city is to secure more foreign investment for Kyiv. “As we are all aware the economic stability and predictability are particularly important for the business. This is why the transparency and openness of the city government are the cornerstones of our investment promoting policy.”

Vitali Klitschko stressed that this investment by such global investor as IKEA amid the coronavirus pandemic helps secure more investment and can be a reassuring signal for other international players. “We are working to make Kyiv more investor-friendly and home for quality goods and service!” he stated.

Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine Tobias Thyberg underlined that by opening the physical store in Kyiv IKEA promotes sustainable development, gender equality and responsible consumption. He congratulated IKEA staff and upper management as well as Kyiv’s local government for their efforts to open the first offline store in Ukraine amid the pandemic.

IKEA plans to open more stores in Ukraine.

## USAID DONATES RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLES TO PROMPTLY REPAIR BURST HEAT PIPES

USAID has donated three rapid response vehicles and a mobile laboratory costing \$735,000 to Kyivteploenergo municipal company which allow to promptly track down and fix leaking and burst heating pipes.

“80 per cent of the municipally-owned heating network is 80% deteriorated due to the lack of funding and maintenance for many decades. This is the reason why bursting pipes are a major concern every winter season,” remarked the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko. “Vehicles donated by USAID will allow to promptly track down and attend leaks and bursts in municipal pipelines,” said the mayor at the unveiling ceremony.

Rapid response vehicles are fitted with state-of-the-art equipment and the mobile laboratory is equipped for a non-invasive inspection of the most badly damaged pipes which are due to preventative maintenance.

“Those vehicles will improve the quality of service provided by Kyivteploenergo. Reliability, efficiency and affordability of the service will result in customer satisfaction which has an impact on timely bill paying,” remarked Kristina Kvien, the Charge d' Affaires, a.i. of U.S. Embassy to Ukraine.



## NEW HOMES FOR ATO COMBATANTS



41 families of Kyivans who participate in the Anti-Terror Operation received keys to their new homes provided by the municipality. “I want to say thank you to every soldier, every service member who defend our country in the east. And our task as the city authority is to help every soldier and support families of the deceased heroes. Today 41 families of ATO combatants are receiving the title deeds for their new apartments,” said Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko.

He added that since 2015 the city government has handed 375 title deeds to the ATO soldiers and their

families. “This is the least we can do today. Because currently there are 3,685 ATO participants and their dependents on a housing waiting list. Also, since the issue of land grants for them is still unsettled the municipality provides the ATO combatants with cash compensation. Thus, 14 families of the deceased soldiers have received over ₴12 million cash compensation for unavailable residential land in 2020,” he said.

The municipality offers various packages of social allowance to the ATO service members and their family members. For instance, in 2020 the city earmarked ₴148.4 million for ₴5,000 welfare annuity payments and ₴7.7 million for monthly based annuity for dependent children. 624 family members of the deceased ATO combatants received ₴25,000 welfare payments totalling ₴15.6 million.

Besides, marking the memorable days the Kyiv government honours Kyivans who participate in the Anti-Terror Operation offering them social welfare payments.

“Kyiv is also the first municipality in Ukraine offering social assistant payment amounting ₴5,000 per month for family members of the deceased ATO participants, disabled veterans and prisoners of war. Despite the economic hardship due to the coronavirus crisis, we are continuing with social welfare handouts,” stressed the mayor. Addressing the ATO combatants he said, “We are so grateful to you for your will, courage and love for Ukraine and Kyiv.”

# KLITSCHKO: UKRAINE NEEDS A REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE NATIONAL POST-PANDEMIC STRATEGY

Reflecting on the World Economic Forum meeting which has been held virtually this year, Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko suggested that Ukraine should introduce a serious discussion of its post-pandemic recovery, shaping a response to the international and domestic challenges.



in his Facebook post Klitschko stated that this year's Davos agenda was dedicated to economic, environmental, social and technological challenges that the world confronts amid the coronavirus pandemic crisis. "It is fully understandable that now we are staying focused on protecting the health and lives of the Ukrainians. With this in mind, the Kyiv authority plans to purchase a vaccine to vaccinate the most vulnerable Kyivans," he wrote. "At the same time I truly believe that we urgently need to discuss how Ukraine can develop further bouncing back from the pandemic," he stressed.

He outlined key aspects of such discussion, which are how to improve public health care, how to accelerate structural changes in the economy in line with the new way the business operates worldwide today, how to make the environment more sustainable and healthier.

"Kyiv tackles those challenges locally, but it is clear that we need a realistic and effective national strategy to address them. And we already need to step up our efforts to develop it as soon as possible to make sure Ukraine will respond to those challenges most efficiently and develop to become a successful European country," wrote Klitschko.

# KLITSCHKO COMES TO TWO FAMILY-TYPE CHILDREN'S HOMES TO CELEBRATE THEIR HOUSEWARMING

**Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko came to housewarming parties thrown by two foster families to celebrate their new homes.**

“Two large foster families are moving today into their new council homes. One of the families raises six teens, another brings up five children all of whom are orphans or deprived of parental care. One more family-type children’s home will relocate in February,” said Klitschko

Each 170 square meters apartment is fully furnished and move-in ready and includes a living room, fully equipped kitchen, bedrooms for children and foster parents and some bathrooms. The city council has allocated €6.5 million to renovate and equip those homes.

“Every child needs a family. As the city authority we do everything possible to support people who have enough love and affection and are ready to share them with children deprived of family environment,” added the mayor.

There are 28 foster families in Kyiv that take care of 43 orphaned children and kids deprived of parental care. Also, there are 30 family-type children’s homes that have already taken 226 such children.





## OVER A FEW PAST YEARS KYIV SERVICE FLEET INCREASED WITH 327 NEW VEHICLES

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko inspected a new fleet boost for Kyivavtodor municipal road corporation and revealed that over a few past years the municipality has purchased 327 new vehicles.

“We have to be ready to respond to any extreme weather events. Today Kyivavtodor showcased some models of all-season municipal service vehicles,” he remarked.

New vehicles use the data from mobile weather stations which promptly measure the air temperature and respond by applying the ice melting and anti-icing mixtures to road surface and pavements.

Also, Kyivavtodor corporation operates other vehicles, in particular high-pressure sewer-jetting machines, street sweepers and ladder trucks. “In such populous cities such vehicles are always in high demand. In 2020 the city introduced 62 new all-season municipal service trucks which came on top of the 327 that have been bought over a few past years. All vehicles are multifunctional and modern, the same as operate in Europe and the US. I want to stress that the service fleet has not got such boost over some decades!” underlined Klitschko.

He also remarked that for major snowstorms the city can deploy 544 trucks for snow removal and additionally outsource more 134 commercial trucks.

