

# COMMUNITY

The Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC) has narrowed its focus for the upcoming year to target low rates of adolescent vaccination in Kansas. Kansas ranks very low by comparison to other states in both initiation and completion of the HPV vaccine series. These rates are well below the Healthy People 2020 target of 80%. Completing the series of HPV vaccine doses to children at ages 11 and 12 provides the best protection against HPV-related diseases.

IKC Goal

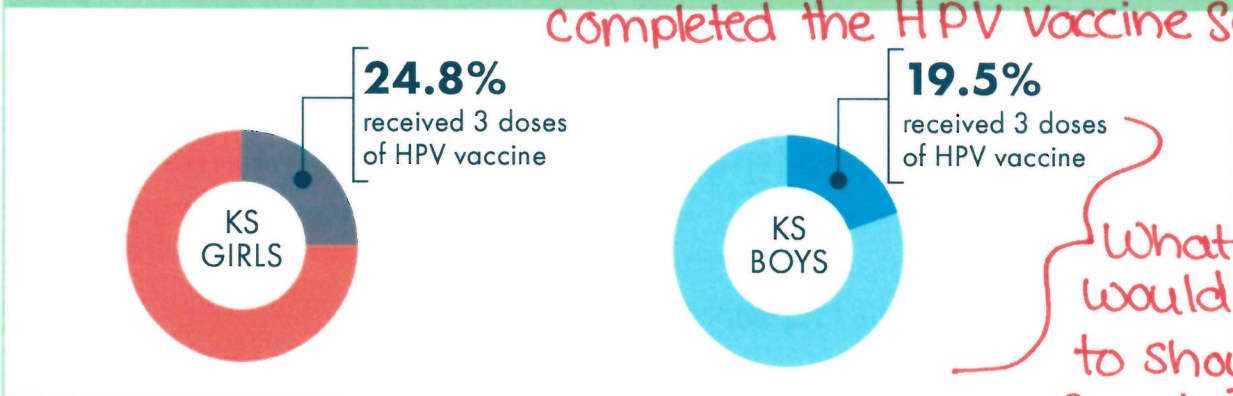
**2020**

IKC's goal is to increase HPV vaccine series completion in Kansas youth ages 13-17. By 2020, increase HPV vaccine series completion from ~~24.8% to 42.0% for girls and 19.5% to 38.0% for boys.~~

to 43% for both girls and boys.

~~Kansas Teens 13 to 17 yrs. Who Received at Least 3 Doses of HPV Vaccine~~

Completed the HPV vaccine series.



Source: 2014 National Immunization Survey for Kansas - Teen (13-17 yrs.)

## KNOW the FACTS about the HPV vaccine and TAKE ACTION:

HPV vaccine is cancer-prevention for girls and boys.

HPV vaccine works best when given at ages 11 and 12 for the strongest immune response. Teens and young adults can still be vaccinated.

Talk to those you love about HPV vaccine and encourage them to schedule an appointment with their health care provider to get vaccinated.

Always ask your health provider, during any visit, about HPV vaccine and other vaccines your teen needs.