

# PROVIDER

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

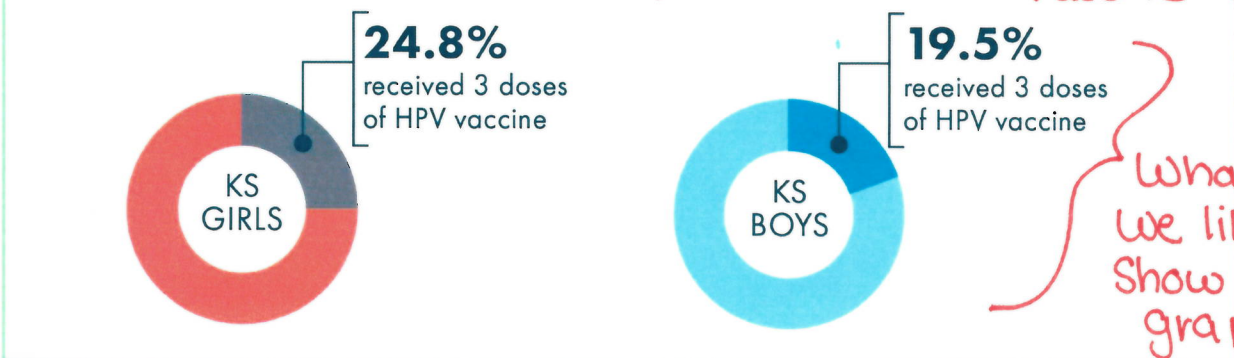
**2020**

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 boys and girls.

~~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.)

## Provider Recommendation:

A strong recommendation from clinicians is the best predictor of HPV vaccination! The IKC encourages all Kansas providers to strongly recommend the HPV vaccine to Kansas families.

A strong recommendation from clinicians:

Emphasizes that the HPV vaccine is cancer prevention.

Bundles HPV vaccine with meningococcal and Tdap vaccines on the same visit (offer same day, same way).

Is provided to preteens ages 11-12 because preteens have a higher immune response to the vaccine than older teens.

**"Your child is due for vaccinations today to protect against meningitis, HPV cancers and pertussis. We'll give those shots at the end of the visit."**

Sample Language