



# *Quarterly Coalition Meeting*

*Working together to protect all Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.*



*View IKC's Webpage*



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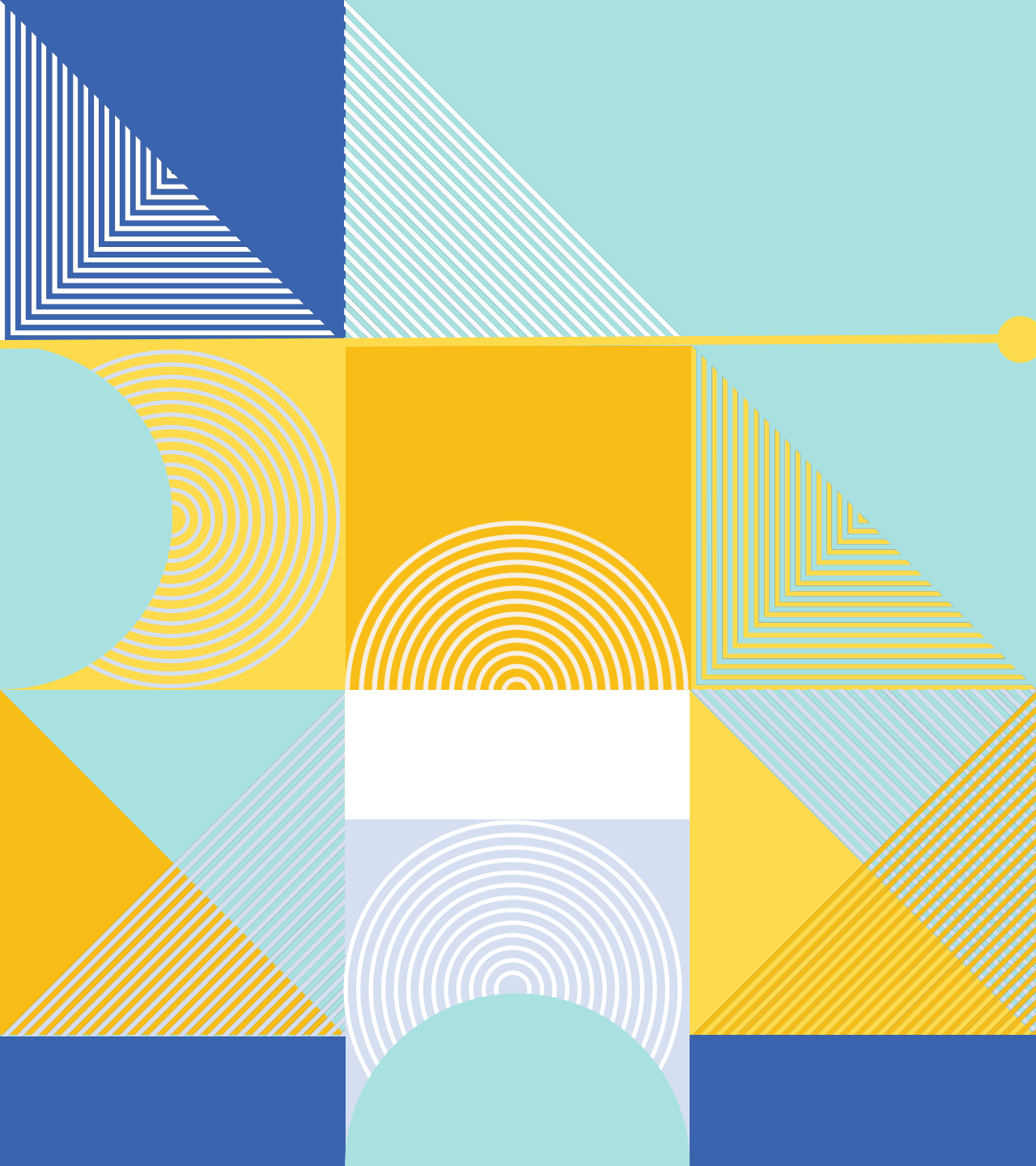
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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Amanda Applegate,  
PharmD, BCACP

Immediate Past Chair



# COALITION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Carrie Riordan,  
Interim Executive Director



# COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH REPORT

Essence Miller,  
Strategic Outreach Manager



# HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

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# CONTINUE TO SHARE!

Recently Updated and Reviewed

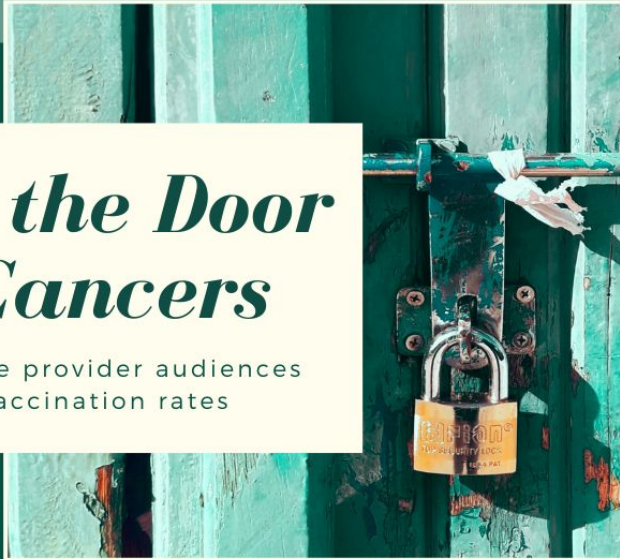
★ CONTINUING EDUCATION | 0.5 -HOUR ACTIVITY ★  
available at **no cost** to physicians, pharmacists,  
physician assistants, nurses, and nurse practitioners

***Shutting the Door  
on HPV Cancers***

designed for healthcare provider audiences  
to help increase HPV vaccination rates

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find the module at  
[immunizekansascoalition.org/educationmodules](https://immunizekansascoalition.org/educationmodules)



*Estimated time to complete: 25-30 minutes*

*Audience: Healthcare Providers and Teams*

After taking this module you will be able to:

- Explain why HPV vaccine is important enough to be routinely recommended for young people (i.e., HPV cancer prevention).
- Give an HPV vaccination recommendation that is effective and succinct using the same way, same day approach to the introduction of HPV vaccine.
- Answer the most frequently asked questions about HPV vaccine accurately and succinctly.

View the module:



## CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE

at no cost to physicians, pharmacists, physician assistants,  
nurses, and nurse practitioners.

# FEATURED UPCOMING WEBINAR:

## HPV Vaccination and Tobacco Cessation

Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Comprehensive Cancer Program

Tuesday, February 4th, from Noon -1:00 p.m.

During the webinar speakers will discuss strategies and resources available for HPV vaccination and tobacco cessation in both clinical and community-based settings.

### Speakers:

- Amanda Applegate, PharmD, BCACP, Director of Practice Development at the Kansas Pharmacists Association
- Karin Denes-Collar, LSCSW, Tobacco Treatment Specialist and Associate Director at the Masonic Cancer Alliance

Register:



# COMING UP IN FEBRUARY!

## American Heart Month

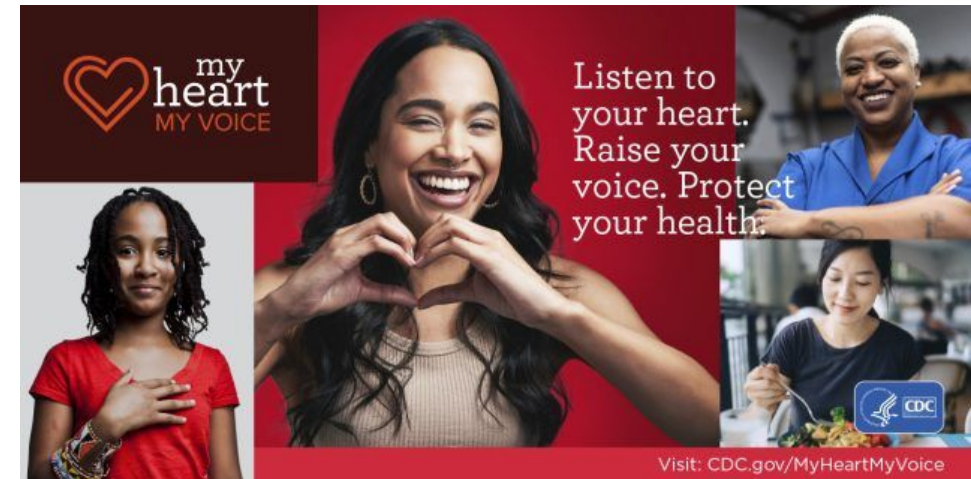
Share about the important role specific vaccines play in protecting those with heart disease.

The CDC recommends the following vaccines for people with heart disease:

- COVID-19
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- RSV (if age 75 years or older, or those at increased risk starting at age 60)
- Tdap

### Where to find resources?

- CDC's Vaccines for Adults with Certain Health Conditions webpage
- NFID's Vaccines and Heart Disease webpage
- Immunize.org's Vaccination for Adults with Heart Disease PDF



Visit: [CDC.gov/MyHeartMyVoice](https://www.cdc.gov/MyHeartMyVoice)

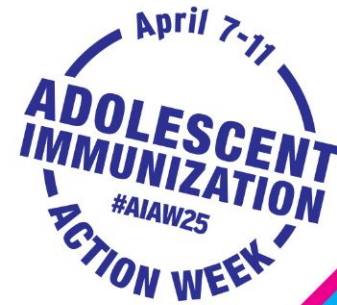


# ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION ACTION WEEK (AIAW)

April 7-11<sup>th</sup>



**ADOLESCENT  
IMMUNIZATION  
ACTION WEEK 2025**



Additional Resource  
to Share!



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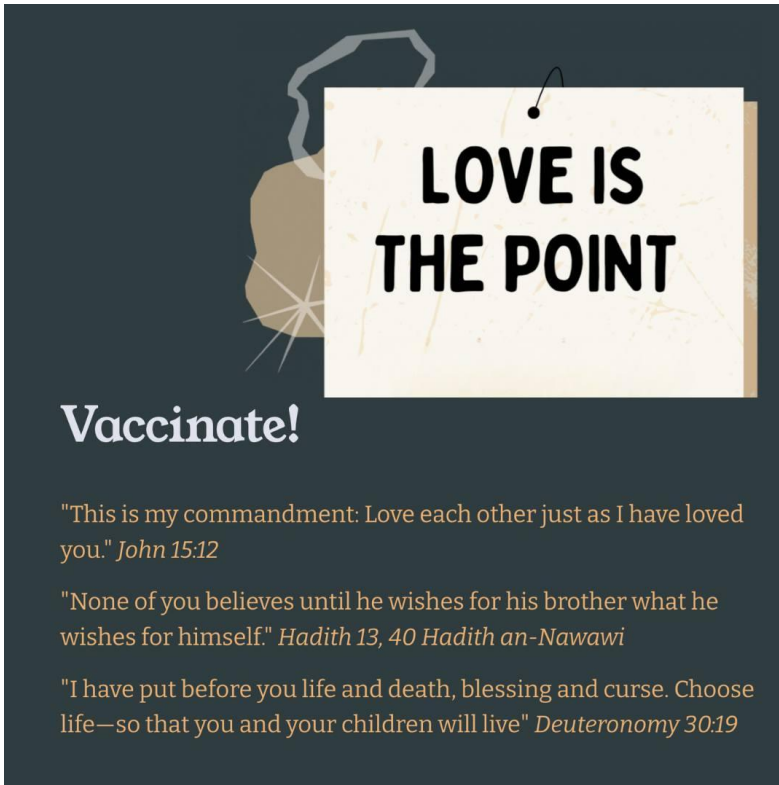


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module:



# PARTNERSHIP WITH KIFA

Love means vaccinations for those we love.




**LOVE IS THE POINT**

**Vaccinate!**

"This is my commandment: Love each other just as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

"None of you believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself." *Hadith 13, 40 Hadith an-Nawawi*

"I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life—so that you and your children will live" *Deuteronomy 30:19*



**Love Vaccinates.**

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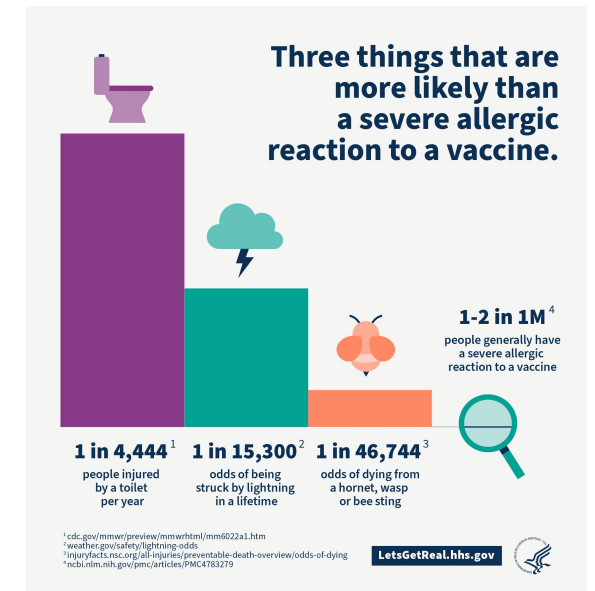


# LET'S GET REAL CAMPAIGN

Created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

New Immunization Campaign To Challenge Misinformation

- The campaign provides a variety of resources some of which include:
  - Fact sheets, infographics, social media graphics, and more
  - Resources for providers, community organizations, parents, and others to utilize during outreach efforts
  - Making conversations easier for providers: The ARM Approach and Training
- Featured topics:
  - Vaccine safety, vaccine science, and more!



View the campaign:



**Childhood vaccinations will save the U.S. nearly \$2.2 trillion in total societal costs.\***

That's more than 2 years of groceries for every American.

**Get the facts, not the fiction.**  
[LetsGetReal.hhs.gov](https://letsgetreal.hhs.gov)

Source: cdc.gov/vaccines-for-children/about/index.html  
ers.usda.gov/data-products/ag-and-food-statistics-charting-the-essentials/food-prices-and-spending

# REGISTER & MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## IKC's 2025 Coalition Meeting Dates

April 30, 2025

- Virtual
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon



August 1, 2025

- Annual Coalition Meeting
- Topeka/Hybrid
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



November 22, 2025

- Virtual
- 9:30 a.m. - Noon





# IMMUNIZATION POLICY UPDATE

Heather Braum, MLS  
IKC Policy Chair



## SB 19

Enacting the conscientious right to refuse act to prohibit discrimination against individuals who refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination and revoking the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 8:30 AM Room 142-S

## SB 29

Enacting the constitutional right to health freedom act to regulate the activities of local health officers related to public health functions and revoking the secretary's authority to quarantine individuals and impose penalties for violations thereof.

*Bill to watch – no hearing at this time.*



# KDHE KANSAS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM REPORT

KDHE Representative

SAVE THE DATE

May 20-22

## 2025 Kansas Immunization Conference

Wichita Marriott

9100 E Corporate Hills Dr, Wichita, KS 67207



Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

For more information, visit: [www.wichita.edu/kip](http://www.wichita.edu/kip)



# One Page Data Infographics

## What to Know About Pertussis or Whooping Cough



### What is pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough?

- A respiratory illness caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.
- The bacteria that cause whooping cough spread easily from person to person through the air, especially when someone infected sneezes or coughs.
- People are contagious for several weeks if not treated. Those with mild illness may not know they can spread pertussis.
- Recovery can be very slow. Coughing fits usually last **6 weeks**, but up to 10 weeks if not treated early.

### What are symptoms of pertussis?

- Intense coughing fits where one cough follows another without a break.
- A whooping noise while breathing in after a fit
- Vomiting during or after coughing
- Being very tired
- Trouble sleeping

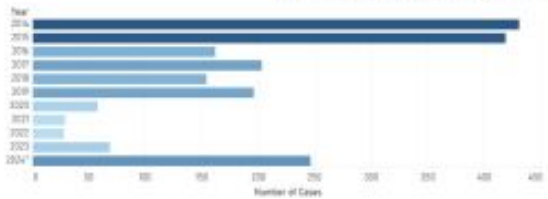
### Who is at highest risk for complications?

- Babies younger than 1 year old
- People with immunocompromising conditions
- People with moderate to severe asthma



Up to 8 out of 10 close contacts to a case will become sick

### Pertussis Cases in Kansas (2014 – 2024)



\*Data are preliminary as of December 18, 2024. This number may change. Data are extracted from the Kansas secure electronic disease surveillance system, EpiTrax. Counts include confirmed and probable cases.

Vaccination is the best protection against pertussis. Protection starts in early childhood with the DTaP vaccine and continues throughout adolescence and adulthood with the Tdap vaccine.

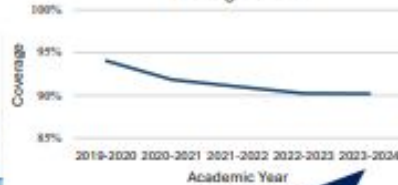
### People of all ages need WHOOPING COUGH VACCINES



DTaP for young children	Tdap for preteens	Tdap for pregnant women	Tdap for adults
✓ 2, 4, and 6 months ✓ 15 through 18 months ✓ 4 through 6 years	✓ 11 through 12 years	✓ During the 28-36th week of each pregnancy	✓ Anytime for those who have never received it

Updated January 2025

### DTaP Vaccine Coverage among Kansas Kindergarteners



In the 2019-2020 academic year, 94.1% of kindergarteners were up to date for DTaP vaccine; however, through the 2023-2024 academic year, coverage **decreased** to 90.2%.

## What to Know About Hepatitis A



### What is Hepatitis A?

- Hepatitis A is a disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV).
- HAV is spread when feces (poop) from an infected person contaminates food or water, or can be spread by direct contact with an infected person.
- HAV infection usually causes a mild, short-term illness.
- In rare cases, it can cause liver failure and even death.

### What are Symptoms of Hepatitis A?

- Diarrhea, fatigue, and nausea
- Dark urine or clay-colored stools
- Yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice)
- Joint pain
- Fever
- Loss of appetite

### Hepatitis A Cases in Kansas (2014 – 2023)



\*\*21 cases had known hospitalization and death data. Data are extracted from the Kansas secure electronic disease surveillance system, EpiTrax. Counts include only confirmed cases.

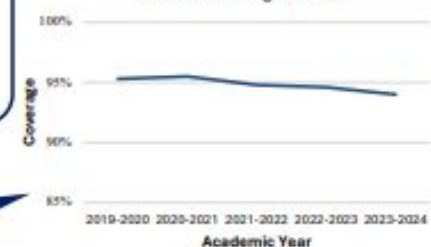
### Who is Most at Risk for Hepatitis A?

- People experiencing homelessness, unstable housing, or group living
- People who use drugs
- People who are or were recently incarcerated
- People with direct contact with someone who has hepatitis A
- Travelers

The best defense against HAV is the Hepatitis A vaccine. Vaccine is recommended for young children and adolescents, as well as for adults at increased risk for HAV infection.

Washing your hands often – especially after using the bathroom and preparing or eating food – can also prevent the spread of hepatitis A.

### Hepatitis A Vaccine Coverage among Kansas Kindergarteners



In the 2019-2020 academic year, 95.3% of kindergarteners were up to date for Hepatitis A vaccine; however, through the 2023-2024 academic year coverage **decreased** to 94.0%.

Updated January 2025

Pertussis, Hepatitis A, and Meningococcal Disease available.

More can be developed.



# PARTNER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Announcements and Updates

# NEXT UP FOR THOSE IN PERSON

## IKC ADVOCACY DAY

### Schedule

Location: KHI Learning Center

- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Advocacy Training

Location: Capitol Building | First Floor Rotunda

- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Morning Activities at Capitol
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch and Remarks
  - Remarks at 12:45 p.m.
  - Lunch will be provided
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Afternoon Activities at the Capitol



**IKC ADVOCACY DAY**

**Bee an Advocate for Immunizations**

Thursday, January 30, 2025  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kansas State Capitol

**ADVOCACY DAY ACTIVITIES**

- Visit and Meet with Legislators
- Observe Legislative Meetings
- Lunch Provided to Participants
- Join an Advocacy Training Session
- Distribute Immunization Resources

Learn more about the event at [immunizekansascollition.org/advocacy-day](https://immunizekansascollition.org/advocacy-day)

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Extra Details +  
Webpage:





# CLOSING REMARKS

Amanda Applegate

Next Meeting: April 30, 2025 (Virtual)

Next up Today: Advocacy Training for those  
here in person!

# KEY IKC RESOURCES FOR RESPIRATORY SEASON

## Featuring COVID-19, Flu, and RSV

View These Resources:



### RESPIRATORY SEASON BROCHURE



### KANSAS FIGHTS FLU CAMPAIGN



### PREVENTING FLU EDUCATION MODULE

