

# Immunize Kansas Coalition Kicks Off 2025 with Their Advocacy Day at State Capitol

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Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC) hosted their Advocacy Day at the Kansas State Capitol on January 30, 2025. Coalition members, partners, and community advocates joined together to share with lawmakers the vital role immunization plays in protecting Kansans against vaccine-preventable diseases.

The day was filled with various activities. It kicked off with their coalition meeting, followed by a mock role-play training session on how to effectively speak with Kansas lawmakers. After the session, advocates headed to the Capitol. At their resource table, volunteer advocates shared educational resources with legislators, staffers, and visitors of the Capitol. Meanwhile, others ventured throughout the halls of the Capitol to legislators' offices, inviting them to attend IKC's luncheon.

To spark conversation, table staffers asked visitors if they were up-to-date on their vaccinations. Supporters were invited to write personal testimony on postcards, which would later be sent to Kansas legislators. One shared, "I believe vaccinations must continue worldwide. I am 74. There are many adults and parents alive now who, for example, do not remember the polio epidemic."



Throughout the day, IKC advocates went door-to-door to the office of each senator and representative, handing out copies of their popular [Vaccine Fears Overturned by Facts booklet](#), a letter from IKC Chair, Brandan Kennedy, and their [Protecting Kansans brochure](#). By day's end, all 165 legislators had received resources and facts-based evidence on the importance of immunization policies in protecting Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.

