

Kansas acts on *advantageous time* to require additional immunizations for children

Per KDHE, the **NEW REQUIREMENT** for **Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y)**:

Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y): Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, only one dose is required. (Provisional based on expected revision to K.A.R. 28-1-20 prior to school year)

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/2019_2020_School_Requirement_K-12.pdf

Kansas has reported **very FEW cases**. Following, is a table summarizing the cases of meningococcal disease by KDHE's own website, from 2005-2016: http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/annual_summary.htm

Reported Neisseria meningitidis serogroups, Kansas, 2005-2016

Year	Cases	Isolates				
		Serogrouped	B	C	Y	W-135
2016	5	3	0	0	2	1
2015	5	4	1	1	0	2
2014	1	1	0	0	1	0
2013	3	3	0	0	2	1
2012	6	5	1	0	2	2
2011	5	4	1	0	3	0
2010	8	7	5	1	1	0
2009	13	6	1	2	3	0
2008	8	5	2	2	1	0
2007	10	7	3	0	1	1
2006	4	3	1	1	1	0
2005	11	11	6	1	4	0

(Note: KDHE reports do not provide any information on whether the cases occurred in persons native to KS.)

Why is KS moving to requiring this immunization when the experience rate is so small?

In communication with KDHE, it was provided that KDHE acted to require the Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y) immunization changes at the request of Representative John Eplee.

Per KDHE, **without requiring** the vaccination, the Meningococcal inoculation already enjoys a relatively high population vaccination rate in Kansas of greater than 72%. KDHE communicated that in order to achieve "herd" immunity, a vaccination must achieve a rate of 80% or greater. KDHE provided that because of the high rate the Meningococcal vaccination already enjoys – approaching the 80% goal, it is an **advantageous** time to add it to the required list of vaccinations. Conversely, in contrast, the **HPV** vaccination only presently enjoys a 50% rate, making it **not advantageous** to move forward with adding it to the required list of vaccinations at this time.

Based on looking at all the years' data since 2005, it appears that a main reason for moving this vaccination to "required" (rather than "offered") is because 70+% of the population is already doing it, making it an **advantageous (opportunistic) time** to REMOVE PARENT CHOICE. It appears that KDHE, the Attorney General's Office, and Representative Eplee, to name a few, **believe free citizens won't mind having their CHOICE taken away** when the majority of people are already doing something. So, let's remove peoples' choice.

Considering this action by KDHE, we can expect that the HPV vaccination will become mandatory once enough of the population is choosing it.

CONTACT KDHE (Phil Griffin Phillip.Griffin@ks.gov) and your state legislators (especially Representative Eplee, 163 Deer Run, Atchison, KS 66002, Phone: 913-367-2382, Email:jeplee@atchosp.org) to protest the attack on your **parental right to act in the best interest of your own child**.