



Promoting and Improving Population Health in Kansas

2017 Advocacy Priorities

- ▶ Advocate for strong public health system, which includes adequately funding and protecting population health initiatives across the state.
- ▶ Safeguard the 2010 Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act; support state and local actions to expand the current law to include e-cigarettes. Support local efforts across the state to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products to age 21.
- ▶ Support programs that improve and strengthen child nutrition and school meals programs.
- ▶ Support guidelines directing elementary schools to provide 20 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each day to increase student physical activity during the school day.
- ▶ Support efforts to increase immunization rates in Kansas.
- ▶ Support expanding KanCare, specifically through The Bridge to a Healthy Kansas program.
- ▶ Educate leaders on the public health benefits of community water fluoridation. Advocate for community water systems in Kansas to adjust the fluoride levels to the optimal amount to prevent tooth decay

Note: KPHA works on a host of other issues to ensure Kansas has a strong public health system.