

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, protecting individuals from vaccine-preventable diseases is critical to ensuring the health and safety of all Kansans; and

WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease in Kansas affects individuals of all ages, cultures, races, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has helped to highlight the importance of vaccines and their importance in protecting Kansans; and

WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate on time, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended immunization schedule, to provide the best protection throughout a lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, postponed vaccines could cause the reemergence of certain viruses and diseases and further exacerbate the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare providers across the state are working hard to ensure Kansans can still receive the immunizations they need; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability, and death from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are proven to be an exceptionally safe method in preventing disease; and

WHEREAS, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults; and,

WHEREAS, we encourage people of all ages to talk with their healthcare providers about the vaccines necessary to protect their health and the health of their families; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and organizations across the state to spread the message that vaccines are simple to get and one of the safest ways to protect health and lower risks for certain diseases and cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

Immunization Awareness Month

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
August, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

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Secretary of State

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