

March 17, 2021
Re: In Support of Senate Bill 212

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

I am fully in support of SB 212, because removing the sole authority of the KDHE to add vaccines to the Kansas children's schedule is imperative. Dr. Lee Norman is an unelected official, and it shows.

The KDHE has a track record of deception and heedlessness. I was witness to the 2019 debacle where they disregarded the procedure for the public hearing to add 2 more vaccines to the childhood schedule- one of which had been decided against the prior year, under a different governor. Just like that, all Kansas children get 2 more vaccines, bringing the total vaccine doses for Kansas children to **68**. (1962: 5 doses, 1983: 23 doses).

With COVID-19 vaccine trials for children ramping up, I have no doubt that once there is approval for children, the KDHE will be adding it the schedule. Under the current system, they can, almost without batting an eye.

On the KDHE Vaccine KS webpage, the answer to the question "How do I know that a COVID-19 Vaccine will be safe?", is "The COVID-19 Vaccine is safe.", then it links the safety page, which is about 3 paragraphs of rephrasing how safe it is without actually conveying any facts related to safety. (I do not understand how the word *safe* can be used by ANY entity to describe any one of the COVID vaccines, as the completion dates for the clinical trials are all 1+ years *in the future*).

But this response is indicative of how KDHE handles the very real concerns of Kansans- by sugar-coating, white-washing, and disregarding reality; by telling us what to do and what to believe instead of acknowledging the complexity of the situation. The complexity of the decision to take or not take an experimental vaccine, for which there is no liability, that has death listed as a possible adverse event, that may or may not even stop infection or transmission, for an infection that has a 99.+% survival rate.

Where is the discussion about no long-term safety studies? That these are not FDA approved? Of the fact that this is experimental- we ARE the experiment? Where is KDHE acknowledging ANY of the 31,000+ adverse events reported after getting one of the COVID vaccines?

Where is the acknowledgement of the **1524 DEATHS** reported?

Of the 3477 hospitalizations?

Of the 5806 Urgent Care Visits?

Of the 292 reports of anaphylaxis?

Of the 367 reports of Bell's Palsy?

Of the 1917 severe allergic reactions?

Of the 103 reports of thrombocytopenia?

Of the 332 heart attacks?

Of the 66 miscarriages?

It doesn't exist. The KDHE told us "The COVID-19 Vaccine is safe." It was not "safe" for the thousands of people filing the above reports to VAERS. How can we trust Lee Norman and the KDHE to make sound decisions on adding vaccines to the childhood schedule when they clearly will not disclose or even acknowledge the risks and complexity of this situation?

We CANNOT trust the KDHE to be truthful and transparent with Kansans.

We CANNOT risk Dr. Lee Norman and the KDHE being able to mandate ONE MORE VACCINE for Kansas children.

Sincerely,

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