



Written Opposition Testimony of the **Kansas Public Health Association** to the
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
SB 314 | March 22, 2023

Chairwoman Gossage and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) to provide written opposition testimony on SB 314, which would prohibit the secretary of health and environment from requiring a COVID-19 vaccination to attend at a childcare facility or school.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has stated on several occasions it does not intend to require COVID-19 vaccinations for school or childcare attendance in Kansas. SB 314 puts an unnecessary law into place that could set a dangerous precedent for other vaccinations the protect children in both schools and childcare settings.

KPHA encourages the committee to vote no on SB 314 and prevent adding unnecessary language to Kansas statute.

Respectfully submitted,

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