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Attn: Health Providers

Dear Immunization Partner:

The Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC), a partnership working together to protect Kansans from vaccine preventable diseases, is excited to announce the availability of a new meningococcal toolkit focused on increasing the Kansas immunization rates for the conjugate meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine.

Unfortunately, Kansas has one of the lowest meningococcal immunization rates in the country. We need your help to increase the meningococcal vaccination rate in Kansas youth from 64% currently to 80% by the year 2020.

As you know, early symptoms resemble the flu, but meningococcal disease progresses quickly and can severely affect or even kill a person within 24 hours from the onset of symptoms. Approximately 10% of confirmed meningococcal disease cases are fatal. However, we can help prevent this disease with proper vaccination.

The change starts with YOU! IKC strongly encourages meningococcal vaccines and is seeking to raise the immunization rates within Kansas. The meningococcal toolkit is full of useful resources related to the meningitis (A,C,W,Y) vaccine and is free to use. You can access the toolkit at <http://www.immunizekansascoalition.org/meningitis-toolkit.asp>.

We invite you to join our efforts as a local champion as we strive to make a difference in the lives of Kansans. Let's save them together!

Best Regards,

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