

Subject: **OneHealth**
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ISSUE SUMMARY

One Health is the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to obtain optimum health for man, animals, and the environment. The companion state initiative, OneHealth Kansas, is based at Kansas State University and promotes the awareness and understanding of the interconnections among human, animal and environmental health. OneHealth Kansas is purposing to build a workforce of future public health professionals by extending public health education into K-12 schools, community colleges and undergraduate institutions across Kansas; additionally, they provide education for current public health professionals to ensure they are capable of addressing emerging zoonotic diseases.

ADOPTED ACTION OR POLICY

The Kansas Medical Society, through its endorsement of OneHealth and OneHealth Kansas, supports collaboration between human and veterinary medicine; supports joint educational efforts between human and veterinary medical schools; encourages joint efforts in clinical care through the assessment, treatment and prevention of cross-species disease transmission; supports cross-species disease surveillance in public health and supports joint efforts in the development of new diagnostic methods, medicines and vaccines for the prevention and control of diseases across species.

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