Several states are considering legislation that would hamper efforts to achieve or maintain high-levels of vaccination desired for public health. While IDSA does not have the capacity to monitor state legislation, we are providing this toolkit to support IDSA members’ efforts to educate their state policymakers about the importance of immunizations and to advocate against anti-vaccine proposals. If you are working on vaccine advocacy in your state and would like additional support, please contact Colin McGoodwin at cmcgoodwin@idsociety.org.

The toolkit contains:

IDSA believes that medical contraindications should be the only basis for exempting a child from vaccination requirements. Many states already allow religious exemptions as well, and anti-vaccine advocates have already been successful in passing laws in several states that allow philosophical exemptions. These exemptions allow parents to refuse vaccinations for their child for any reason and are extremely harmful to individual and public health.

**Vaccine Advocacy Strategies**
Advocacy Strategies and Opportunities document with information on how to connect with lawmakers

**Anti Vaccine Legislation Primer**
An Anti-Vaccine Legislation Primer to inform IDSA membership about the kinds of bills that may be introduced

**Outbreaks of Vaccine Preventable Diseases**
A Fact Sheet describing Outbreaks of Vaccine Preventable Diseases to demonstrate the dangers of low vaccination rates

**Vaccine Advocacy Talking Points**
Vaccine Advocacy Talking Points to use when writing, calling, or meeting with state and local policymakers or their staff

**Vaccine Stories**
Real stories from IDSA members about individuals harmed by vaccine-preventable illnesses