Priority #1: Strengthen the Public Health Workforce

Public Health Authority
SF 91 did not pass funnel. It would have removed authority to mitigate public health emergencies by restricting the use of quarantine, isolation, vaccination, and treatment.

Priority #2: Support Community Health Needs and Access to Care

Gender Affirming Care
Two bills were introduced that would prohibit gender affirming care for minors, including those who are already receiving treatment. SSB 1197 passed funnel; HSB 214 did not.

Doula Coverage
SF 67 did not pass funnel. This bill would have expanded Medicaid coverage of maternity care, including doula services.

Vaping
Two House bills (HF 21 and HF 364) related to nicotine solution products failed to pass committee. The bills would have included vaping under the tobacco tax laws and the Smoke Free Air Act, respectively.

Priority #3: Ensure Safe, Sustainable, and Thriving Communities

Gender Identity
HF 348 passed committee and is eligible for floor action. This bill prohibits instruction or discussion of gender identity concepts in grades K-6. It’s companion bill, SF 83, did not pass funnel.

HF 180 also passed funnel. This bill requires school personnel to disclose to parents or guardians a child’s expression of gender identity that is different than their gender assigned at birth.

SF 482 is moving forward as well. This bill prohibits people from using a multi-occupancy restroom or changing facility that is not aligned with their biological sex assigned at birth.

Priority #4: Protect Iowans from Preventable Diseases

Raw Milk
The Senate bill (SF 315, previously SSB 1107) passed State Government and is eligible for floor debate. The House companion bill (HF 338) did not pass committee.

Vaccines
The multiple stand alone HPV bills to remove HPV and/or HPV vaccine education did not make it through funnel. The Governor’s bill (SSB 1145) and the House companion (HSB 222) did pass the respective Education committees and remain eligible to move forward. These are both larger education bills that contain restrictions on HPV education as well as restrictions on discussions of gender identity in schools.
SF 99 failed to pass HHS Committee after being passed by the subcommittee without recommendation. It would have required vaccine records to be reported on medical examiner reports of child deaths (0-3 years).

HSB 178 also failed to advance. This bill would have required all vaccine providers to report to IRIS and changed our reporting process to opt-in consent instead of opt-out. This would have required a change to IRIS with a significant fiscal note. The lobby was generally supportive of the providers part, but was near universally opposed to the consent section.