MAKE NO MISTAKE
COVID-19 IS A CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

COVID-19 CAN BE SERIOUS FOR KIDS.

**4X MORE DEADLY THAN FLU**

- **800 DEATHS**
  - Over 800 children have died from COVID-19 in the US, compared to approximately 200 pediatric flu deaths over the past two years.

- **8,300 HOSPITALIZATIONS**
  - About 1 in 3 children hospitalized with COVID-19 in the US were admitted to the intensive care unit, similar to the rate among adults.

**11X HIGHER RISK OF HOSPITALIZATION**

COVID-19 associated hospitalizations in unvaccinated children are 11x higher than fully vaccinated.

**POOREST NEIGHBORHOODS: BEHIND BY OVER 30%**

- Only about 15% of children in California’s poorest neighborhoods are vaccinated against COVID-19 compared to 48% in wealthiest neighborhoods.

**75% OF KIDS! NOT VACCINATED!**

- 3 out of 4 California children ages 5-11 years have yet to receive 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine, leaving most children vulnerable as the omicron variant is surging and future variants are likely to follow.

Children, ages 5-11 (as of January 1, 2022)
YOU CAN SAVE LIVES NOW BY PARTICIPATING IN THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

40% OF V FC PROVIDERS NOT GIVING COVID-19 VACCINE

- Many VFC providers have yet to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, leaving many vulnerable children without access in their medical home. **Enroll today!**
- Many VFC providers enrolled in the COVID-19 vaccine program haven’t ordered vaccine. Once enrolled, start ordering and administering vaccine!
- More access to vaccine is needed: Pharmacy appointments and school clinics are helpful but not enough to reach many children.

ONLY 1 OF 6 PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD'S DOCTOR RECOMMENDED THE COVID-19 VACCINE.

- As a trusted source, your recommendation can influence the decision to vaccinate.
- If you choose not to enroll, have a referral plan in place to ensure that your patients get vaccinated elsewhere.
- Counseling for COVID-19 vaccine may be billable—stay tuned for updates.