MAKE NO MISTAKE
COVID-19 IS A CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

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YOU CAN SAVE LIVES NOW BY PARTICIPATING IN THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

35% OF VFC 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.

**Sources**
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