

# Catching Up on Recommended Vaccines

How to Help Reverse the Decline in Childhood and Adolescent Vaccination Rates

Making sure that children receive their routinely recommended vaccines helps protect each child and their communities from vaccine-preventable diseases that are easily spread.<sup>1</sup>

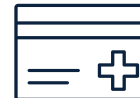
## Impact of COVID-19 on Childhood Vaccinations

↓ **14%** in public sector's vaccine orders\*

\*2020-2021 compared to 2019<sup>2</sup>

## Impact of COVID-19 on Insurance

**ESTIMATED**  
**~14.6M** 7.7M workers and 6.9M dependents  
**PEOPLE AFFECTED** lost employer-sponsored insurance  
as of June 2020<sup>3†</sup>



Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP grew by **7.7 million** in February 2020 to November 2020<sup>4‡</sup>

81% of patients who receive care in a health center are uninsured or publicly insured<sup>5,§</sup>

Many patients are unaware of free vaccination programs, such as Vaccines for Children<sup>6</sup>  
**Remind your patients that VFC is available for their children**



### Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Federally funded vaccine program that provides recommended vaccines at no cost to eligible children and adolescents who might not otherwise be able to afford them<sup>7</sup>

Eligibility for VFC includes children through 18 years of age and one of the following<sup>7</sup>:

- Uninsured
- Medicaid eligible
- Underinsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native

**Vaccines given through the VFC program can be given by any health care provider enrolled in the VFC program<sup>8</sup>**

†Health insurance coverage data from the 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey were used to generate the proportion of workers with employer-sponsored insurance. Data on unemployment benefit recipients from the U.S. Department of Labor were used to generate the proportion of workers who lost jobs because of the pandemic. The proportion of workers with employer-sponsored insurance was applied to the number of workers who lost jobs to obtain an estimate of jobs with employer-sponsored insurance that were lost. These numbers represent an upper-bound estimate of employer-sponsored insurance losses.<sup>3</sup>

‡Data are from an analysis of recent national and state-by-state Medicaid and CHIP preliminary data (actual adjusted data from February 2020 to preliminary data in November 2020). November 2020 enrollment (n=78.9 million) data are preliminary and subject to change.<sup>4</sup>

§Data from the 2019 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Resources. Publicly insured includes Medicare and Medicaid, while "other public insurance" includes non-Medicaid CHIP or coverage in states that contract CHIP through private third-party payers and not Medicaid.<sup>5</sup>

CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CHIP, Children's Health Insurance Program.

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