# The Role of Vaccines in Addressing Social Determinants of Health & Pediatrics Outcomes

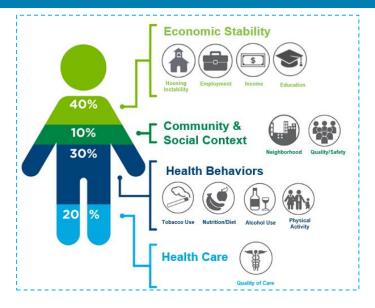
**Social determinants of health (SDOH)** are the conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes.<sup>1</sup>

**30**%

of direct medical costs for Blacks, Hispanics, and Asian Americans are excess costs related to health inequities<sup>3</sup>

>80%

of health outcomes are driven by social determinants<sup>2</sup>



# \$300B

US economy loses ~\$300 billion annually due to direct and indirect costs of health disparities<sup>3</sup>

# 68%

of patients have at least one social determinant of health challenge<sup>4</sup>

### The Impact of Social Determinants on Pediatric Outcomes

11%

Children below the federal poverty level lag in immunizations by up to 11% compared to those above the poverty level.<sup>5</sup>

23%

Latinos are 23% less likely to see a physician at any given time than White non-Latino Americans and have 70% lower uptake of influenza vaccination compared with White non-Latino Americans.<sup>6</sup>

The American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures guidelines now recommend discussion of social determinants of health risks, strengths, and protective factors at most childhood health surveillance visits.<sup>7</sup>



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# **Strategies and Resources to Reduce Vaccine Barriers for Pediatric Patients**

# **Healthcare Strategies for Practices and Providers**

#### Strong Vaccination Recommendations

Recommendation from an HCP remains the number one reason parents decide to vaccinate.8

#### Answer Questions

Parents of young children who plan to vaccinate on schedule, still have questions related to vaccine ingredients, vaccine safety, and side effects.8

#### **Decrease Barriers**

Determine the needs of specific patient population and take appropriate actions, such as extending clinic hours, special vaccination events, or offering transportation.8

## Partner with Community-Based Organizations to Help Address Barriers



#### **T** Drive-thru immunization sites <sup>9</sup>

Include those associated with pediatric health systems.



#### Mobile Health Clinics<sup>9</sup>

Provide a range of services such as primary and pediatric care, preventive screenings, vaccinations and disease management.

# **Case Study**

During the pandemic, Latino Health Access in Orange County, CA offered vaccination clinics in easily accessible areas and opened clinics on weekends and holidays when people were more likely to be off work.<sup>10</sup>

# **Pfizer Resources to Support SDOH in Pediatrics**





- Pediatric Vaccine & Missed Dose & Well-Visit Adherence **Program**
- Value of Vaccines Posters
- Baby Checkups Count **Brochures and Calendars**
- SocialScape<sup>™</sup> Explorer
- Parent/Caregiver **Education**
- Communication Tools

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