

Children and COVID-19: Strategies and Partnerships for Vaccination

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

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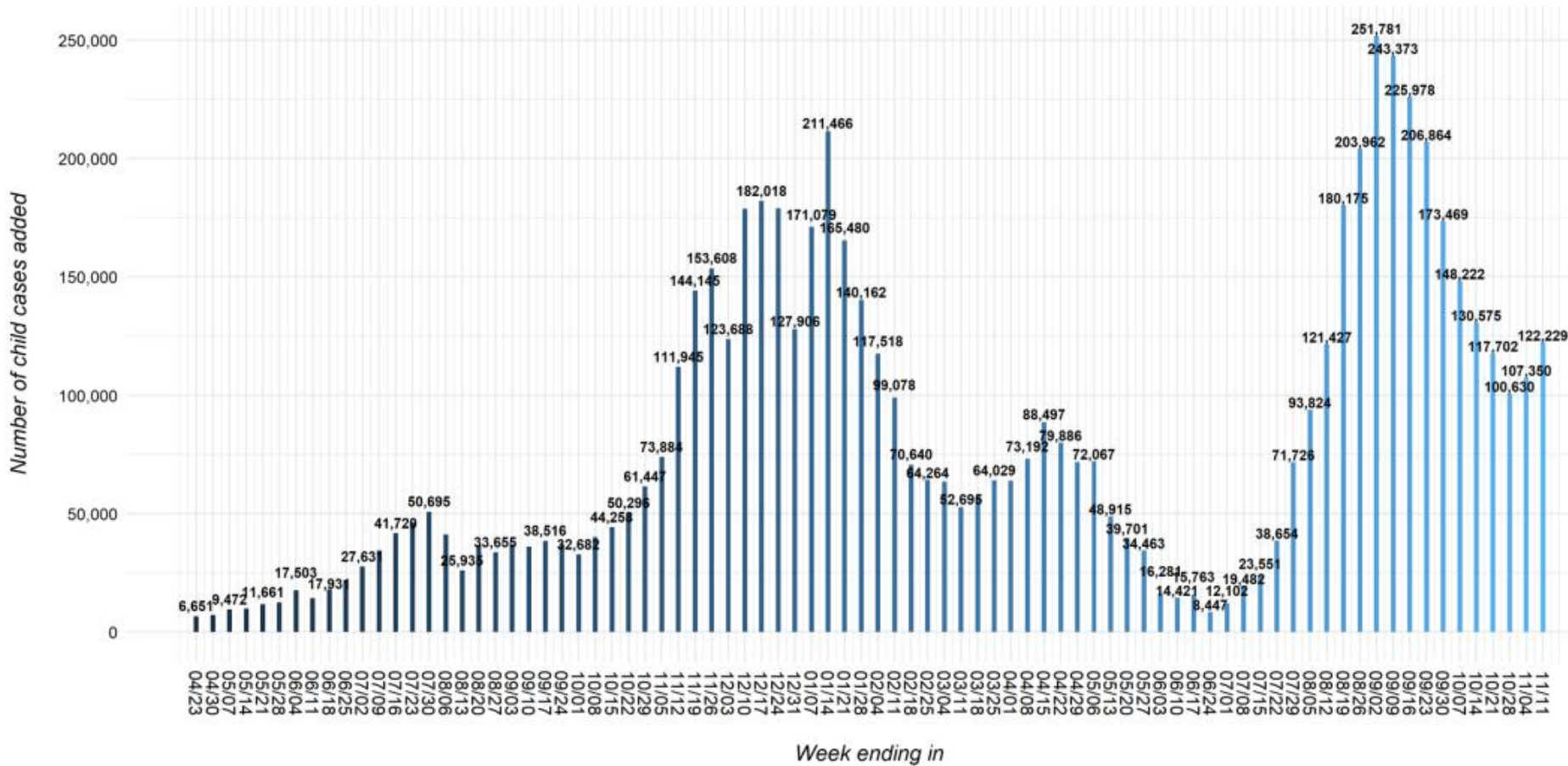


Agenda

- 4:30 – 4:40 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 4:40 – 4:50 pm A Call to Action: Protecting Children and Communities Against COVID-19
- 4:50 – 5:30 pm Strategies for Supporting Equitable Access and Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccines Children Ages 5 to 11

COVID-19 Trends in Children

Number of child COVID-19 cases added in past week



COVID-19 mortality remains low in children (<0.04% case fatality ratio)

>However, 2% of cases may result in hospitalization

Recent data indicate that children can contribute to **substantial household transmission**

Children may serve as index cases for adult contacts, and **youngest children may be equally or more likely** to contribute to secondary transmission within households

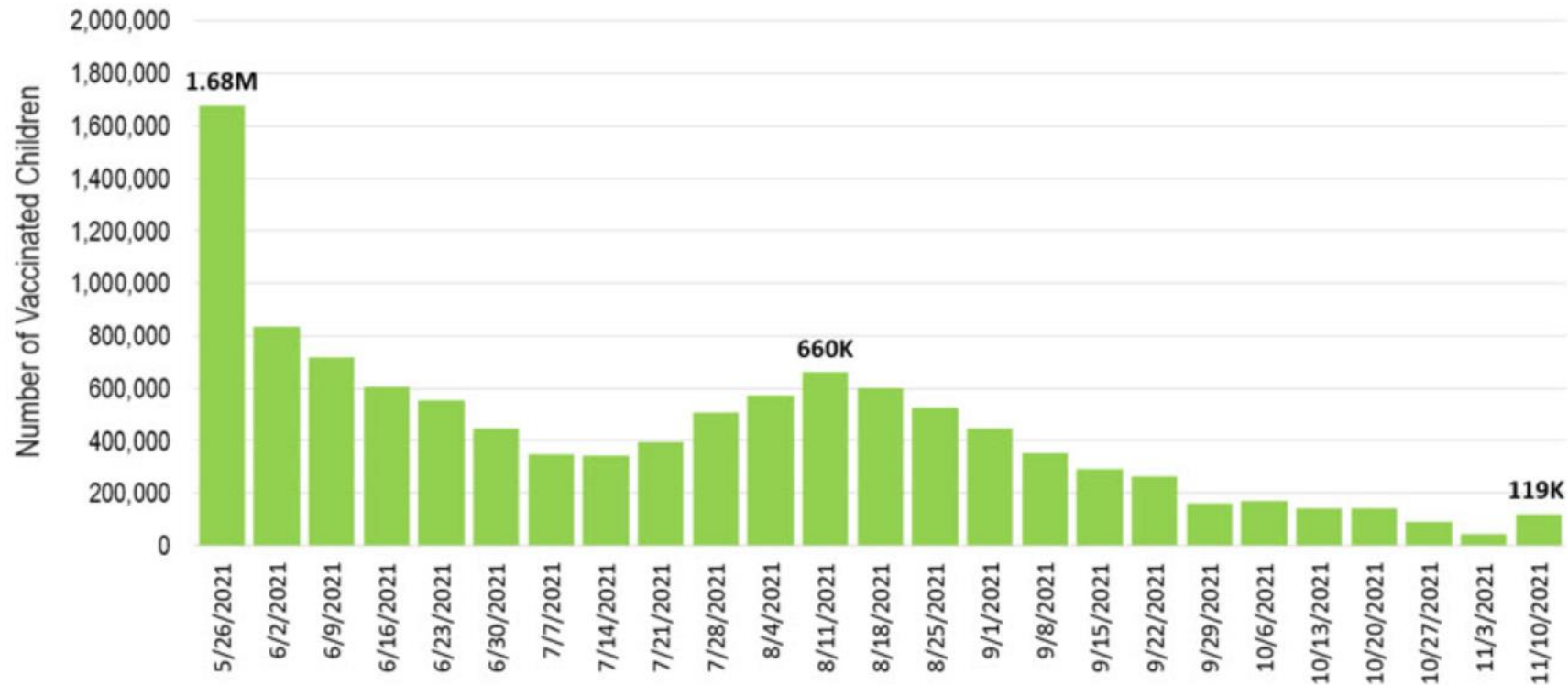
Progress on Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccinations

- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was authorized for emergency use in adolescents ages 12-15 on May 10 and in children ages 5-11 on October 29.
- 2.6 million children ages 5 to 11 have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines for children are rolling out in a variety of settings, including pediatric provider offices, community health clinics, schools, and pharmacies
- COVID-19 vaccines are able to be co-administered with flu vaccines and other routine childhood immunizations

COVID-19 Vaccination Trends in Adolescents

Weekly Increase in the Number of Eligible US Children Ages 12-17 Receiving Their Initial COVID-19 Vaccination

5.26.21 to 11.10.21



14.7 M (59%) children 12-17 yrs have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose

12.4M (50%) children 12-17 yrs are fully vaccinated

~1% of unvaccinated children 12-17 yrs received their first dose in the past week

The last week was the 3rd lowest in administration to children 12-17 yrs since the beginning of the effort, but the first increase since early October

Priorities for Increasing Vaccination Rates for Children 5-11

- Addressing inequities in vaccination rates by race/ethnicity
- Building vaccine confidence and addressing vaccine misinformation
 - Including targeted communication with parents and families about the importance of vaccination by trusted sources
- Enrolling, training, and incentivizing pediatric vaccine providers
- Facilitating access to vaccination in a variety of settings, including pediatric provider offices, schools, pharmacies, and community health centers

A Call to Action: Protecting Children and Communities Against COVID-19

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Strategies for Supporting Equitable Access and Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccines in Children Ages 5 to 11

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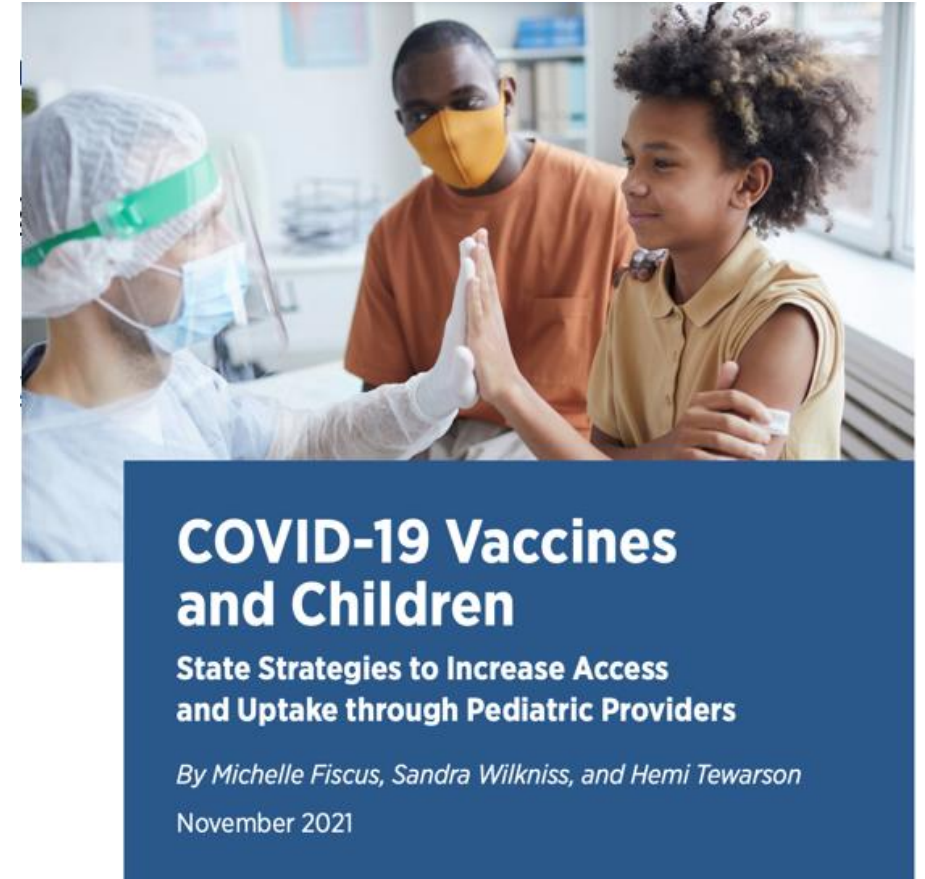
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Resources for Immunization Partners

- **NASHP:**
 - [COVID-19 Vaccines and Children: State Strategies to Increase Access and Uptake through Pediatric Providers](#)
- **Duke-Margolis:**
 - [Innovative Strategies for Leveraging Schools as COVID-19 Vaccination Sites Issue Brief](#)
 - [FAQ for School Leaders: Successful Strategies for Vaccination in School Settings](#)
 - Infographic: [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Under 12: How schools can prepare to be vaccination sites](#)
 - Infographic: [Communication Strategies for Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination in Schools](#)



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