



# DO YOUR PATIENTS HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VACCINES?

When talking with families about vaccines, using a “truth sandwich,” analogies, and personal experiences will help aid the conversation!

## VACCINE FACTS



### VACCINES ARE EXTREMELY SAFE.

They go through careful study and trials before ever being licensed to the public. Vaccines, in fact, save lives and eliminate diseases.



### IMMUNIZATION IS BETTER THAN NATURAL INFECTION.

Even if a child has already been infected with COVID-19, it is possible that they could be infected again. Vaccination provides better protection than natural immunity.



### SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE COVID-19 VACCINE ARE MINOR.

Many people have no side effects at all. If people are going to have symptoms, the most common have been soreness at the site of vaccination, headache and fatigue, which typically start 1-2 days after vaccination and last for 1-2 days. These symptoms can be considered a good thing as it's a sign that the vaccine is working!



### THE COVID-19 VACCINE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY TESTED ON CHILDREN.

Concerns about the vaccine being developed too quickly are not warranted. The technology utilized in the COVID vaccines has been studied for almost 20 years. All vaccines that are approved for children and teens go through the same testing and review as those developed for adults.



### COVID-19 VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE INFERTILITY.

Despite reports suggesting fertility concerns, there is no data or evidence to support that the COVID-19 vaccine impacts fertility in any way.



### PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS ARE AT HIGH RISK OF COMPLICATIONS FROM COVID-19.

If you have underlying conditions – like diabetes or heart disease, for example— you face more risk from getting sick with COVID-19 than from receiving the vaccine.



### MILLIONS OF AMERICANS MIGHT DIE OF COVID-19 IF WE DON'T GET VACCINATED.

The overall fatality rate for COVID is 2-3 percent. That rate might sound small, but if you apply it to the entire population, 5-10 million people would die from COVID.



## 5 STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES:



Know your audience



Anticipate their questions



Translate the science



Combat misinformation



Amplify your message

## CONSIDER THIS...

A virus is like a lock.

A vaccine is a key.



If a lock changes, the key will also need to change to continue to open the lock. Similarly, new variants of a virus will require new vaccines to defeat the virus.



## VISIT FAST VAX FACTS FOR DATA-DRIVEN, SCIENTIFIC FACTS ABOUT VACCINES:

- Videos from pediatricians
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