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## Solano County, Partnership HealthPlan of California and Community Partners launch Pediatric Vaccine Resource for Families

SOLANO COUNTY – Solano County Public Health, First 5 Solano, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), Ole Health, La Clinica, Help Me Grow Solano and Child Start have developed and launched a new website for parents and families seeking information about childhood immunizations.

Across the state of California and in Solano County, vaccination rates for routine childhood immunizations have remained low throughout the pandemic. The website, <u>SolanoVaxFacts.com</u>, serves as a public resource for information on early childhood immunizations, including facts about vaccines, where to get vaccinated, payment assistance, and more. Community members can also download a vaccine schedule that details the timeline for necessary immunizations for children age two months through 16 years.

"PHC and our partners are so excited to launch this new resource for Solano County," said Liz Gibboney, chief executive officer of PHC, which funded the project. "It is our hope that additional information about childhood immunizations will help dispel some of the fears and myths around vaccines and increase the number of youth in our community who are up-to-date on needed care, particularly after COVID-19."

Dr. Jeanah Braden, a Solano County Family Health Services pediatrician featured in a video on the website, said, "Just as car seats are designed to protect children in the event of a car accident, vaccines are carefully designed and tested to safely protect children from preventable diseases."

"Childhood immunizations keep children healthy and safe from severe illness and disease," said Solano County Health Officer Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H. "We urge parents and caregivers to get their children up-to-date on the recommended childhood immunizations in preparation for the new school year."

The website also includes a testimonial video featuring a Solano County mom and her son. To learn more about how to protect your children and family, visit <u>SolanoVaxFacts.com</u>.

**About Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC):** PHC is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. PHC provides quality care to over 600,000 Medi-Cal members. Beginning in Solano County in 1994 PHC now provides services to 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo.

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