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## Attorney General Steve Marshall Opposes CDC Vaccine Advisory Committee Inclusion of COVID-19 Shots for Children

Marshall Joins 11 Attorneys General in Calling on CDC to Drop COVID-19 Vaccine from Child Immunizations

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Steve Marshall joined 11 other attorneys general in calling on the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) not to include the COVID-19 vaccination on the list of child immunizations.

"This week, the CDC acted without proper authorization in voting to release its child immunization recommendations before the close of the public comment period," said Attorney General Marshall. "But that's just for starters. The CDC's decision is unnecessary and in many states subjects children to retaliation for their parent or guardian's decision to decline COVID-19 vaccinations.

"Fortunately, <u>Alabama law prohibits</u> institutions of education – both public and private – from requiring students to prove any new immunization status as a condition of attendance. However, the CDC's recent move is damaging to the nation at large and is another example of that body and the medical community forcing unproven policies and medicines on children who are not at risk of bodily harm."

On Thursday, Attorney General Marshall and his colleague attorneys general wrote Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Director Rochelle Wolensky, calling on the CDC not to include the COVID-19 vaccine in the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC), a program created by Congress in the wake of a measles outbreak to ensure that kids from low-income families have access to free vaccines.

"The COVID-19 vaccine does not provide the same protection against life threatening illnesses. Instead, it could put more kids at risk instead of protecting them which is the purpose of the VCF," wrote the attorneys general. "The CDC should not be treating kids in low-income households as lab experiments. Nor should pharmaceutical companies be allowed to use low-income families as cash cows."

"Given the lack of need for kids to obtain the vaccines and their lack of effectiveness, adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of childhood immunizations amounts to little more than a payout to big pharmaceutical companies at the expense of kids and parents," added the attorneys general.

Joining Attorney General Marshall in penning the letter to the CDC are the attorneys general of Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, and Utah.

The Attorneys General letter may be read *here*.

