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## Louisiana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics Polls State Residents' Attitudes on Vaccines

*Poll Indicates Overwhelming Support for Vaccinations*

**[Baton Rouge, December, 5th]** — The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (LA AAP) recently commissioned a poll evaluating the attitudes of state residents towards vaccines. The poll of a representative sample of citizens was performed by JMC Analytics, a Louisiana-based pollster.

The results of the poll indicate strong support for vaccines across all age ranges and geographic regions of the state. When asked if vaccines are important to protect infants and children from serious and life threatening diseases, 95 percent of respondents strongly agreed or agreed.

Additionally, 92 percent of respondents agree with the statement that it was important to have all children vaccinated in order to protect other children around them who cannot be vaccinated because of a medical condition.

**“While vaccine hesitancy has gained momentum nationally as a consequence of misinformation, Louisiana families understand and appreciate the role vaccines play in keeping their children safe and healthy,”** said John Vanchiere, MD, PhD, FAAP, LA AAP Immediate Past President. The poll also shows a majority of respondents agree that children should be immunized to attend school, and that it is important for schools to know whether children are vaccinated when enrolling.

The poll shows that most parents and families believe vaccines are safe and important for preventing serious illnesses. The LA AAP will continue to expand educational and advocacy efforts to provide Louisiana families with the science-based information they need to make informed decisions regarding the health of their children.

To view the entirety of the poll, please visit [www.laaap.org/vaccinesurvey](http://www.laaap.org/vaccinesurvey)