



## **School Vaccine Education Project *Background and Commitment***

Dear Principal,

The Franklin Institute, in partnership with the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC), is launching the School Vaccine Education Project to develop toolkits for supporting elementary school-based nurses in leading COVID-19 vaccine education in school communities. The project seeks to engage a cohort of nurses who will advise the development and test the implementation of project activities with students in their schools. **As a member of your staff is interested in applying to participate in this cohort, we are pleased to share with you more information about the project and the commitment involved.**

### Project Partners

The School Vaccine Education Project is led by The Franklin Institute, with funding through NNCC's cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reinforce confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines by building trust, empowering healthcare personnel, and engaging communities and individuals. Through various training and technical assistance activities, NNCC reaches a national network of nursing professionals working at the frontlines of care. The Franklin Institute is one of the leading science centers in the country, and provides people with educational resources in their own neighborhoods through hands-on activities in classrooms, workshops in libraries, community centers, and other settings, and through ways to interact online.

### Project Goal

The Franklin Institute and NNCC recognize and celebrate the critical role of school-based nurses as trusted community health professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic, and aim to offer a valuable professional development opportunity to empower nurses as leaders in vaccine education in their school communities. The School Vaccine Education Project will develop toolkits to strengthen nurses' expertise in educating elementary school students, with age-appropriate information from a trusted source, about the science of how the SARS-CoV-2 virus can make them sick and how vaccines work to protect them. The planned toolkits may include resources such as interactive classroom activity guides and materials; short educational videos; training on vaccine communication; and supplemental resources for families.

To ensure that our resources support the needs of and effectively build the capacity of nurses to engage their communities, we seek to recruit a cohort of school-based nurse partners who will advise the project team on resource development, run pilot activities in schools, and evaluate program impact. The pilot activities will offer a unique STEM learning experience for each school's students and serve as a model for potential future expansion of the project.

### Commitment and Compensation

For nurses selected to participate in the School Vaccine Education Project, the expected time commitment will not exceed a total of 12 hours starting March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Responsibilities include:

- Two 60-minute virtual advisory meetings (March and June, outside of school hours)
- One 90-minute virtual training (April, outside of school hours)
- Implementation of at least two programs for the students of their school between April and June

NNCC will offer a stipend of \$1,000 per cohort member in recognition of the time and resources needed to actively participate in the project.

**We are grateful for your colleague's interest in contributing their expertise to this important health education initiative, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with your school community. Thank you for your support.**