

## **WARNING: Masks are not for babies!**

Parkview pediatrician and Indiana American Academy of Pediatrics President Tony GiaQuinta, MD, wants caregivers to know that, while masks are being recognized to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, they are ***not appropriate for everyone***.

- Babies and children under the age of two should not wear a mask.
- Facial coverings can make it difficult for babies to breathe and are not safe. To protect your baby:
  - *Practice social distancing.*
  - *Avoid close interactions with people who do not live within your household*
  - *Avoid taking your baby out for nonessential reasons*

## **Infant Vaccines:**

The CDC recommends that childhood immunizations be maintained during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Super Shot is open to provide vaccinations by appointment and practicing social distancing by: spreading out appointments, limiting one parent to one child being vaccinated, checking the temperature of everyone coming in the door, moving families to a cleaned exam room as they check in, and limiting the time in our facility through expedited paperwork.

- Super Shot is located at 1515 Hobson Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.
- They serve Medicaid, uninsured and underinsured children, and are now able to take most commercial insurance plans.
- Daytime, evening and weekend appointments available.
- Call 260-424-SHOT (7468) or email [info@supershot.org](mailto:info@supershot.org) to make an appointment.

## **Housing Instability**

Housing stability is a major, unaddressed need in the face of the pandemic. Estimates from the National Low-Income Housing Coalition find that Indiana will see:

- a **surge of 43,800 newly low-income renters** as a result of COVID-19, and
- a **total of 205,837 low-income Hoosier renter households who will need short-term emergency rental assistance** in the wake of the pandemic.