

I am a board-certified Pathologist and I work with children and families. Some of these children are too young to be vaccinated or they have preexisting conditions that would exclude them from being vaccinated. I advocate for these families that have this extra risk to deal with when people around them are unvaccinated and pose a real risk to their child's wellbeing.

I oppose vaccine exemptions to diseases that cause pandemics and can lead to morbidity and mortality in individuals who contract said disease. We need to consider civic responsibility and compassion to our fellow humans in times like these and stop making vaccination an issue of personal liberty. I support vaccination being mandatory with very few exceptions. Vaccines eradicated Polio in 1979, that is the power of vaccination. Please consider that when dealing with the COVID pandemic and the new variants that arise because so many remain unvaccinated. We need to be doing more, not less, when it comes to dealing with this communicable disease and the ones that will come after it.