

Dr. Sickler's Vaccination Statement:

I believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, and that every child deserves the timely administration of all recommended vaccines.

I believe in the conclusive scientific research demonstrating there is no association between autism and vaccines; vaccines do not cause autism.

I believe we are all responsible to protect each other from vaccine-preventable diseases by doing our part to be vaccinated; children who are unable to be vaccinated due to age or illness depend on us.

I believe that we will see more deaths and disease from vaccine-preventable illness if we do not maintain a high vaccine rate in our community.

I believe in vaccines.

Effective immediately, Dr. Sickler will no longer accept new patient families who are unwilling to vaccinate in accordance to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) vaccine schedule (<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/immunization/Pages/Immunization-Schedule.aspx>). Exceptions to the AAP schedule are circumstances in which the child is experiencing an illness that is not compatible with vaccinating safely (cancer/leukemia, immune deficiency, or current fever or severe illness). Administration of the influenza (flu) and the human papillomavirus (HPV / Gardasil) vaccines are strongly encouraged but subject to parental discretion.