



Ross Bridge Medical Center Immunization Policy

At Ross Bridge Medical Center (RBMC) we are dedicated to providing the highest quality of evidence-based medical care to our patients. This includes our adherence to the vaccine schedule recommended by national organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

These well-respected organizations and committees include panels of experts in pediatrics as well as infectious disease. The goal is to eliminate or minimize preventable serious disease, thereby promoting the health of all children. These national experts routinely analyze available information and research, monitor the prevalence of vaccine-preventable diseases, and analyze reported serious adverse events following vaccine administration. This information is used to create the best vaccine schedule to protect your child. Be aware that there are vaccines used in other countries that are not routinely used in the United States to protect those children from even more diseases.

At RBMC we strive to provide the highest quality care, while respecting the wishes of our parents. Should a family desire to alter the schedule or withhold all recommended vaccines, RBMC feels that this decision not only puts your child at risk of serious preventable disease, but also contributes to the health risk of others.

Please be advised that if you desire an “alternate” vaccine schedule, or if you intend to refuse vaccines, you do so against the advice of RBMC, the AAP, the AAFP and the ACIP. Because we believe that this decision puts your child at risk for vaccine preventable disease and increases health risks for others, RBMC will not accept patients who are unable to be vaccinated by two years of age.