

## D-13 Immunisation

### National Quality Standards (NQS)

2.1	Each child's health and physical activity is supported and promoted.
2.1.2	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.2	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.

### Education and Care Services National Regulations

Reg. 77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
Reg. 88	Infectious diseases
Reg. 90	Medical conditions policy
Reg. 162	Health information to be kept in enrolment record
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

### Child Safe Standards

1	Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.
3	Families and communities are informed and involved.
4	Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account.
5	People working with children are suitable and supported.
7	Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training.
10	Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe.

### Policy Statement

We respect the right of individual parents to choose whether to immunise or not to immunise their children. However, children who are not immunised will be excluded for the period of an outbreak that is a vaccine-preventable disease. Proof of immunisation will be sought at the enrolment stage and recorded in the enrolment form.

### Procedure

Parents must provide the service with a copy of their Immunisation History Statement upon enrolment as evidence of child's immunisation status. This information will be recorded in the enrolment form.

Children who are not immunised can still be enrolled to the service if they are enrolled in formal schooling. However, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the service or school attended by children at the service, children not immunised will be required to stay at home for the duration of the outbreak, for their own protection.

The Public Health Unit will be notified if any child contracts a vaccine-preventable disease (see Illness and Infectious Diseases Policy).

Payment of fees will be required for children excluded during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, unless other arrangements discussed and agreed to by the Management Committee have been made.

### **Immunisation for Staff**

All staff should also maintain their immunity to common childhood diseases through immunisation.

Staff will be encouraged to undergo immunisation for Hepatitis B if they are not already immunised. It is also recommended that all adults receive a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria vaccine every 10 years.

### **Related Policies**

- Dealing with Medical Conditions Policy
- Enrolment and Orientation Policy
- Hygiene Policy
- Illness and Infectious Diseases Policy
- Maintenance of Records Policy
- Privacy and Confidentiality Policy
- Staff Orientation and Induction Policy
- Child Safe Environment Policy

### **Sources**

- Childcare Centre Desktop – Immunisation Policy
- Child Safe Standards
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – *Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services*
- National Quality Standard – Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority
- Public Health Act 2010

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