



## D-14 Immunisation

### NQS

QA. 2.1	Each child's health is promoted.
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QA. 2.1.4	Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness, in accordance with recognised guidelines.
QA. 6.1.1	There is an effective enrolment and orientation process for families.
QA. 6.2	Families are supported in their parenting role and their values and beliefs about childrearing are respected.
QA. 7.3.1	Records and information are stored appropriately to ensure confidentiality, are available from the service and are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements.
QA. 7.1.4	Service practices are based on effectively documented policies and procedures that are available at the service and reviewed regularly.

### National Regulations

Reg. 88	Infectious diseases
Reg. 162	Health information to be kept in enrolment record
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

### Policy Statement

We respect the right of individual parents to choose whether or not they immunise their children. However, children who are not immunised will be excluded for the period of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease. Proof of immunisation will be sought on enrolment and will be kept on file with the enrolment form.

### Related Policies

- Concord OSHCPolicy A-4: Enrolment
- Concord OSHCPolicy A-6: Fees
- Concord OSHCPolicy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- Concord OSHCPolicy C-2: Conditions of Employment
- Concord OSHCPolicy C-3: Staff Orientation and Induction
- Concord OSHCPolicy D-2: Hygiene
- Concord OSHCPolicy D-13: Illness and Infectious Disease
- Concord OSHCPolicy D-21: HIV/AIDS and HEP B & C



## Procedure

Families will provide the Centre with a copy of their Immunisation History Statement (from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register) on enrolment as evidence of child's immunisation status. Where an Immunisation History Statement is not available, the Centre will be unable to accept the Enrolment. Once received, the ACIR certificate will be kept on file with the child's enrolment form.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the Centre or school attended by children at the Centre, children not immunised will be required to stay at home for the duration of the outbreak, for their own protection.

In the event that any child contracts a vaccine-preventable disease, The Public Health Unit will be notified:

NSW Health  
Public Health Division  
1300 066 055

Payment of fees will be required for children excluded during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease. Families eligible for Child Care Benefit, are able to elect for these days excluded from the Centre to be noted as 'approved absences'.

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

Staff will be encouraged to undergo immunisation for Hepatitis B if they are not already immunised. Staff will be required to provide immunisation status on employment. In line with the immunisation policy, any staff member not immunised against a vaccine-preventable disease will also be excluded for the duration of an outbreak.

It is also recommended that all adults receive a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria vaccine every ten years.

## Sources

- Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard
- Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
- NSW Public Health Act 2010
- Dept of Health Recommendations
- National Health and Medical Research Council "Staying Healthy in Child Care- Preventing Infectious Diseases in Child Care" (2006)
- Putting Children First (NCAC) – 'Infection Control in Outside School Hours Care'

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