

D-14 Immunisation

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QA. 2.1	Health.
QA.2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort.
QA.2.1.2	Health practices and procedures.
QA.6.1.1	Engagement with the service.
QA.6.1.3	Families are supported.
QA.7.1.2	Management systems.
QA.7.2.1	Continuous improvement.

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. To help protect the Concord OSHC Community educators are expected to follow Public Health orders.

Related Policies

- Concord OSHC Policy A-4: Enrolment
- Concord OSHC Policy A-6: Fees
- Concord OSHC Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- Concord OSHC Policy C-2: Conditions of Employment
- Concord OSHC Policy C-3: Staff Orientation and Induction
- Concord OSHC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- Concord OSHC Policy D-13: Illness and Infectious Disease
- Concord OSHC Policy D-21: HIV/AIDS and HEP B & C
- Concord OSHC Policy D-32: COVID-19

Procedure

Families will provide the Centre with a copy of their Immunisation History Statement (from the Australian 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 AIR certificate will be kept on file with the child's enrolment form.

The Nominated Supervisor is responsible for maintaining a record of each child's immunisation and date for upcoming vaccinations. The immunisation register is to be reviewed regularly, so families can be reminded to provide updated documentation as needed.

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.

At present there is a risk of transmission of Covid-19 among children attending schools and early education and care facilities. Families will be strongly encouraged to have their children vaccinated and provide a copy of their child/ren's updated immunisation certificate.

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 Subsidy, are able to elect for those days excluded from the Centre to be noted as 'approved absences'.

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

The Public Health Order requiring the vaccination of education and care workers for Covid-19 is no longer in force. NSW Health continues to recommend two doses of the Covid-19 vaccination and a booster shot to reduce the risk of transmission within the community.

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

- Education 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)

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