

Child Immunisation Policy

This policy is current as at February, 2023 and will be reviewed Feb 2024. Our policy is based on the following specialist sources:

- *Staying Healthy in Child Care*, 5th Edition
- The National Health and Medical Research Council
- National Quality Standards (NQS): Quality Area 2 – Children’s Health and Safety
- Education and Care Services National Regulations: Children (Education and Care Services) National Law

Our Centre requires a policy on immunisation because it is an important strategy on infection control. This provides the basis for our services guidelines for excluding children and adults with an infectious illness or disease. Our service is committed to preventing the spread of infection through simple hygiene practices such as hand washing, effective cleaning procedures, monitoring immunisation records and complying with recommended exclusion guidelines and time-frames.

All current and updated immunisations are required for our records. Our centre has a policy on excluding non-vaccinated children at times when some vaccine preventable diseases may be in the service. If the child is under 12 months of age and attending our Centre it is important to keep your child’s immunisations up to date. This information must also be updated on your child’s enrolment form. Our service strongly encourages immunisation. Staff follow a policy to check records regularly and to advise parents of the importance of being on time with your child’s immunisation.

NO JAB – NO PLAY. New laws came into effect: 01/01/2016.

- Children enrolling in Early Childhood Services must be immunised.
- The service requires evidence of up-to-date vaccination.
- The documentation required is **an Australian Childhood Immunisation History Statement**, provided by Medicare.
- If a child has a medical reason that they cannot be immunised, an Immunisation Exemption Medical Contradiction form will need to be obtained from Medicare, signed by a GP and provided to the service
- A child’s enrolment at this service, will not be confirmed unless their vaccinations are up to date or they have a medical exemption. Documentation must be provided to the centre.
- If your child is not up to date with their vaccinations, please see your doctor or local council for a catch-up schedule of vaccinations,
- To view the Immunisation Schedule (what vaccines are due at what age) go to [www.health.gov.au](#) and search ‘Immunisation’, or speak to your doctor.
- It is the parents responsibility to provide an updated Immunisation History Statement each time the child has been vaccinated.