

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.

Related Policies

- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy A-4: Enrolment
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy A-6: Fees
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy C-2: Conditions of Employment
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy C-3: Staff Orientation and Induction
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy D-2: Hygiene
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy D-13: Illness and Infectious Disease
- THE KIDS CASTLE Policy 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 Subsidy, are able to elect for these days excluded from the Centre to be noted as 'approved absences'.

Through immunisation, all staff should also maintain 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

- 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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