



Immunisation

Policy Statement

The service will ensure as far as possible all children enrolled are age appropriately immunised as per the schedule provided by ACT Health. The service will maintain records of children's immunisation status.

Implementation

- Upon enrolment, families must provide proof of their child's immunisation status. A copy will be kept on file.
- Families are responsible for providing an updated record as soon as practical after subsequent immunisations. Should at any time the service not hold an **up to date** record of a child's immunisation, they will be deemed unimmunised and be susceptible to the same exclusion periods as an unimmunised child.
- In order to be eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS), a child must be fully immunised, or on a catch-up schedule according to the current Australian Immunisation Handbook.
- Children who are unimmunised will not be able to attend the service when there are confirmed cases of any vaccine preventable disease. This may also apply to children too young to be immunised, children who have not received age appropriate immunisation and children who have been homoeopathically immunised.
- Families, staff and visitors will be notified of confirmed cases of vaccine preventable diseases at the service.
- If children are excluded from the service due to confirmed cases of a vaccine preventable disease, whether immunised or not, normal fees will apply for all absences for the duration of the exclusion period.
- Staff must notify the service on commencement of employment of their immunisation status. Exclusion periods that may apply to children, may also apply to adults.
- NBCA arranges a health professional to attend each service annually, for the purpose of administering influenza vaccinations to all permanent staff.
- Staff working in early education and care services can be exposed to infectious diseases through contact with infectious children. Recommended vaccinations for non-immune staff who work with children include: hepatitis A, measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), chicken pox and pertussis (whooping cough). Staff are responsible for maintaining their own current immunisation status.



Policy Links

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- Confidentiality and Privacy
- Enrolment, Orientation and Transition
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NQS: 2.1

Regulations: 88

Sources:

- ACT Health www.health.act.gov.au
- ACT Immunisation Requirements Booklet
- National Quality Framework
- Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services (5th edition) 2013

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