

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

S167	Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards
Reg. 85	Incident, injury, trauma and illness policies and procedures
Reg. 86	Notification to parents of incident, injury, trauma and illness
Reg. 87	Incident, injury, trauma and illness record
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

- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy A-4: Enrolment
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy A-6: Fees
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy A-17: Privacy and Confidentiality
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy C-2: Conditions of Employment
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy C-3: Staff Orientation and Induction
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy D-1: Dealing with Medical Conditions
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy D-11: Management of Incident, Injury and Trauma
- Normanhurst West OSHC Policy D-13: Illness and Infectious Disease
- Normanhurst West OSHC 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 Immunisation Register) on enrolment as evidence of child's immunisation status. Where an Immunisation History Statement is not available, the Centre will consider the child unimmunised. Once received, the AIR 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 or Educator contracts a vaccine-preventable disease, The Public Health Unit will be notified. The Public Health Unit may need to view the centres Immunisation Register to determine which children are at risk from the outbreak. Following review, the Public Health Officer may instruct the Nominated Supervisor to exclude certain children for a period, or may provide advice regarding preventative measures.

Under the NSW public health act 2010, the service must notify the following 9 vaccine preventable diseases to the local public health unit 1300 066 055

- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Measles
- Meningococcal C
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Poliomyelitis
- Rubella
- Tetanus.

Payment of fees will be required for children excluded during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

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

- 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
- Disability Discrimination Act 1975
- NSW Anti-discrimination Act 1977
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- National Health and Medical Research Council “Staying Healthy in Child Care- Preventing Infectious Diseases in Child Care” 5th edition (2013)

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