

Policy 1.15

IMMUNISATION FOR CHILDREN

Policy

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases. The risks of these diseases are far greater than the very small risks of immunisation. If your child is protected, he won't be able to pass the infection on to other people – especially very young babies who haven't been fully immunised yet.

Parents are asked to keep children's immunisation up to date, and to keep the Centre informed of immunisations given subsequent to enrolment. The Centre will keep records of each child's immunisation. Centrelink Child Care Benefit relies on children's immunisation status. If parents do not wish to have their child immunised, they must sign the declaration in the enrolment form, and their child may be excluded from attending the Centre during outbreaks of some infectious conditions.

When a vaccine preventable disease has occurred in the centre, children whose immunisation records aren't complete, may be treated as unimmunised, and be excluded from the centre.

Procedures

Parents are asked to bring in immunisation record upon enrolment. This is photocopied, and the details entered in the computer record. Parents are asked to bring in evidence of further immunisations given.

The Director must identify children who are not immunized. These children may be excluded from care during epidemic outbreaks of some infectious conditions.

The centre will notify health authorities in the event of a notifiable illness.

Parents can gain more information on immunisations from the centre's resource library, the centre can also provide parents with relevant websites.

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