

D-14 Immunization

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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. To help protect the Sylvania Heights BASC community educators are expected to follow Public Health orders

Related Policies

- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy A-4: Enrolment
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy A-6: Fees
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy C-2: Conditions of Employment
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy C-3: Educator Orientation and Induction
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-13: Illness and Infectious Disease
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-21: HIV/AIDS and HEP B & C
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-32: Covid-19

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.

At present there is a risk of transmission of Covid-19 among children attending schools and early education and care facilities. Public Health Orders will be followed in relation to Covid-19 vaccinations. Families will be strongly encouraged to have their children vaccinated and provide a copy of their child/ren's updated immunisation certificate.

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.'

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.

On 10 March 2022, NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard signed the [Public Health \(COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers\) Order 2022](#)*External link* which commenced from 11 March. This continued the previous Public Health Order requiring double vaccination for education and care workers. Relevant work includes:

- any work undertaken at a government school or non-government school (this includes work by teachers, support staff, corporate employees, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement)

- any work at an early education and care facility (this includes work by employees, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement). This covers centre-based child care facilities, family day care and school-based child care (after-school or vacation care)

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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