



CHILDREN'S SERVICES Immunisation Policy

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1. Introduction

Childhood diseases can cause serious health complications and sometimes even death. The diseases can spread rapidly from child to child and within the community. If children remain unprotected, serious outbreaks, and even epidemics, of diseases may occur. Immunisation of children and adults is a safe and effective way of protecting the community from disease. It protects the person who has been immunised, children who are too young to be vaccinated, and other people who have been vaccinated but did not respond to the vaccine. It significantly reduces the risks, complication and mortality associated with vaccine preventable diseases.

Children's Services Staff/Educators also benefit from up to date immunisation in the reduction of risks in pregnancy from infectious diseases. Staff/Educators keeping records on children will facilitate vaccination and the control of infectious diseases during outbreaks in the service.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all Children's Services operated by operated by Coast Services Group Limited (A wholly owned subsidiary of Coast Community Connections LTD) and our Employees. This applies to Occasional Care, Out Of School Hours Care, Vacation Care programs and services.

3. Procedures and Implementation

Children's Services Educators will:

- 3.1 Ensure families provide the service via QKenrol (my family lounge portal) with documented evidence of their child's immunisation status. This information will be recorded in the enrolment form and regularly updated. The immunisation status of all children will be held on record for the prescribed period of time. If no evidence is shown being vaccinated, then the child is taken not to be immunised against any of the vaccine preventable diseases.
- 3.2 A condition of enrolment at our service is that your child has been fully immunised. Children who are unvaccinated due to their parent's conscious exception can no longer be enrolled into childcare after the 1st of January 2018. The Nominated Supervisor will be in contact with you to discuss these details further if we do not have a copy of the register or if you have a catch up schedule from the Doctor.
- 3.3 In the event of an infectious disease the Responsible Person will notify families of the outbreak and provide with relevant information.
- 3.4 Notify any families who have children enrolled prior to January 2018 who are not immunised , who still require their child to attend a Children's Services program in the event of an outbreak, that attendance at the service may be putting the child (or other children) and staff at risk of contracting a vaccine preventable disease. **Any**

unimmunised child under 2 years of age will automatically be excluded from the service.

- 3.5 Take exclusion steps only when results are known, however, it is preferable that children do not attend the service until these results are confirmed.
- 3.6 Require payment of fees for children excluded during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, unless other arrangements discussed and agreed to by management and the family have been made.
- 3.7 Provide information to employees regarding adult immunisation and encourage all staff to maintain, through vaccination, their immunity to common childhood diseases.
- 3.8 Ensure Staff working with children under 2 years and who have come into contact with Pertussis undergo a course of antibiotics even if a booster dose of Pertussis has already been received.
- 3.9 Recommend that all staff receive appropriate boosters against tetanus and diphtheria. Boosters for tetanus are given at 15 years and 50 years, unless a tetanus prone injury 5 years or more after last vaccinated.

Other related policies and procedures

Illness and Infectious Disease Policy

Forms and Records

Immunisation record