

## POL2-0022 Immunization

### The policy as required by

Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2012 – ‘Regulations’	
National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care (2010)	Standard 2.1 Elements 2.1.4

### Policy control

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### Related Policies

Dealing with infectious diseases	POL2-0018
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### Related Procedures

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Carers will minimise risks, complications and the spread of vaccine preventable diseases, by encouraging children, carers and staff to have up to date immunisation in accordance with the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule, and keeping an up to date register of children’s and staff immunisation.

At our service, we will implement the practices in accordance with the No Jab No Play, and No Jab No Pay legislation from 1 of July of 2019. This is the name of legislation that requires all children to be fully vaccinated unless they have a medical exemption to be enrolled in any childcare service (or have a formal catch up with the doctor).

The child’s Immunisation status will be recorded on the enrollment form. Parent or guardian must provide proof of immunisation by presenting the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register records. Children must be fully immunized to be enrolled. Parents have to send us the documents with the updates of the immunisation records.

There are some exceptions that will be managed one by one, for example the delay in the immunization for premature children, recommended by the doctor. Children can be exempt only for medical reasons, but there is no exemption for conscientious objection. A document signed by the doctor will have to be sent to the service.

Phase two, the Government to introduce a Bill that will prohibit the enrolment of an under-vaccinated child. It is anticipated phase two of No Jab No Play will be effective as of July 2019 for children entering childcare services.

Where there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease or an infectious disease all families will be notified as soon as practicable. Where there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease children whose immunisation record is not up to date or who have an approved exemption will be excluded from the service in accordance with NHMRC prescribed inclusion periods. Where there is an outbreak of an infectious disease children with the infectious disease will be excluded from the FDC for the duration of the infection and/or until the disease is no longer infectious. Where a child contracts a vaccine preventable disease or an infectious disease the parent or guardian must provide a written clearance from a Medical Practitioner in order for the children to resume attendance at the FDC. Full fees will be payable for the period of exclusion.