

## POLICY NO. 13 EXCLUSION POLICY

### Source Material.

*Education and Care National Regulations, Reg.88; 168 (2) (c)*

*National Quality Standard 2.1*

*NHMRC Guidelines on Exclusion of infectious diseases.*

### Background.

#### Infectious Disease- keeping Children at home.

Families should notify Educators immediately if a child or sibling is diagnosed as having an infectious disease. This is particularly important, as there is always the possibility of an Educator or another parent being pregnant. A medical certificate is required to confirm the child is no longer contagious before returning to the service. Families will be notified of any case of infectious disease via a notice on the door of the room where the child has taken ill and on the front door of the service.

A child with any of the following conditions should be kept at home for the period prescribed.

#### Immunisation.

Details of the child's immunisation are required on Enrolment. These details should be updated as necessary. Families will be asked to update forms every 6-12 months, the Service Educators will provide up to date information to parents on immunisation via newsletters and notice board of the Service.

Immunisation protects children against harmful infections before they come into contact with them in the community.

The wellbeing of children is of highest priority in the Service, and children must not attend the Service if they are unwell. We realise that keeping a child away from the Service is difficult where both parents are working.

Vaccination	Birth	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	4 years	10-13 years	15-17 years	≥50 years	≥65 years
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B*			Hepatitis B†			
Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis		DTPa	DTPa	DTPa			DTPa		dTpa	dT	
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		Hib	Hib	Hib‡	Hib						
Poliomyelitis§		IPV	IPV	IPV			IPV				
Measles-mumps-rubella					MMR		MMR				
Varicella zoster						VZV		VZV¶			
Pneumococcus		7vPCV	7vPCV	7vPCV		23vPPV**				23vPPV	23vPPV
Meningococcus					MenCCV						
Influenza										Influenza (annual)	

#### Recommendation and funding

- Currently funded under the National Immunisation Program.
- Recommended for all infants but funded only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with certain medical risk factors.
- Recommended and funded only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Recommended but not funded.

#### Vaccine key

- DTPa = Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis
- dTpa = Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (adult formulation)
- dT = Diphtheria-tetanus (adult formulation)
- Hib = *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- IPV = Inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine
- MenCCV = Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine
- MMR = Measles-mumps-rubella
- VZV = Varicella zoster
- 7vPCV = 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- 23vPPV = 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine

\* Fourth dose at 6 or 12 months depending on the vaccine formulation used.<sup>7</sup>

† Adolescents not vaccinated in childhood are recommended to have a primary schedule for hepatitis B.<sup>7</sup>

‡ 6-month dose required for all Hib vaccine formulations except those containing PRP-OMP (purified capsular polysaccharide conjugated to outer membrane protein of *Neisseria meningitidis* type C).<sup>7</sup>

§ IPV preferred, but live oral poliomyelitis vaccine acceptable.

¶ Vaccination only for children with no history of clinical varicella or vaccination.

\*\* Recommended and funded only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children residing in Western Australia, South Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

**Non Immunised Children**

The Service does not exclude children who have not been immunised from enrolment at the Service, but at the unlikely outbreak of an infectious disease- we recommend that children who have not been immunised be kept at home.

**Infectious Diseases exclusion Chart (summary)**

Disease	Return to Childcare Condition	Excluded/Not Excluded
Chicken Pox	Until fully recovered or at least 1 week after the eruption first appears	Not excluded
Cold Sores	Child cannot return to the Service until scab is completely dry (not weeping) and then must be covered until scab is healed.	Not excluded.
Conjunctivitis (acute infections)	Until discharge from eye has stopped	Not excluded
Croup	This is a viral infection and children must not attend childcare while infectious with it	
Diarrhoea, Vomiting & Fever	Child must spend the following day at home if vomiting and/or diarrhoea have occurred overnight. If one of these symptoms occurs at childcare, the parent will be telephoned and expected to collect the child. The child then must stay at home the following day. Please note: that young children at high risk of dehydration and must be monitored carefully. Children may not return until back to normal diet (i.e. cow's milk).	Not excluded.
Diphtheria	Until receipt of Medical Certificate of recovery from infection...	Domiciliary contacts excluded until investigated by the Medical Officer or Health Officer of the Department and shown to be clear of infection
Giardiasis (Diarrhoea)	Until diarrhoea has stopped	Not excluded
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	Child cannot return to the Service until all blisters have disappeared	Not excluded.
Hepatitis A (infectious hepatitis)	Until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection, or until symptoms disappear.	Not excluded
Hepatitis B	Until recovery from acute attack	Not excluded
Hepatitis C	Until recovery from acute attack	Exclusion is not necessary unless the person has secondary

		infection requiring exclusion in its own right.
H.I.V.	Until recovery from acute attack	Not excluded
Impetigo	Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return earlier provided that appropriate treatment has begun and that sores on exposed surfaces such as face, scalp, hands or legs are properly covered with moisture-proof dressings.	Not excluded
Leprosy (Hansen Disease)	Until receipt of Medical Certificate of recovery from infection...	Not excluded
Measles	Until at least 5 days from the appearance of rash or until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Non-immunised contacts must be excluded for 13 days from the first appearance of rash in the last occurring case, unless they are immunised within 72 hours of first contact.
Meningococcal Infection	Until receipt of Medical Certificate of recovery from infection...	Domiciliary contacts must be Excluded until they have been receiving appropriate chemotherapy for at least 48 hours
Mumps	Until fully recovered	Not excluded.
Pediculosis (Head Lice)	Until appropriate treatment has begun.	Not excluded
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Until two weeks after the onset of illness and until receipt of Medical Certificate of Recovery.	Domiciliary contacts must be excluded from attending a Children's service for 21 days after the last exposure to infection if they have not had whooping cough or immunisation against whooping cough.
Poliomyelitis	Until at least 14 days after onset of illness and until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Not excluded.
Ringworm	Until appropriate treatment has begun.	Not excluded.
Rotavirus (diarrhoea)	Until diarrhoea has stopped.	Not excluded.
Rubella (German Measles)	Until fully recovered or at least 5 days after onset of rash.	Not excluded.
Scabies	Until appropriate treatment has begun.	Not excluded.
Shigella (diarrhoea)	Until diarrhoea has stopped.	Not excluded.
Streptococcal Infection, including Scarlet Fever	Until receipt of medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Not excluded.

Trachoma	Until appropriate treatment has begun	Not excluded
Tuberculosis	Until receipt of medical certificate from a Health Officer of the Department that the child is not considered to be infectious.	Not excluded.
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	Until receipt of medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Not excluded unless the Medical Officer of Health or a Health Officer of the Department considers exclusion to be necessary.
Thrush	Prescription cream from the Doctor and then at least 24 hours at home. Cream to be brought to the Service for use.	Not excluded.

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