

Evidence of link to Regulations (ECSNR):

Part 4.2 Div2
R88 – 1, 2
Part 4.7. Div1. Sub div. 1
R162 – (f)

Evidence of link to NQS:

QA2, St2.1, E2.1.4

Version	Date	Author	Change Description
1.3	December 2015	Alison Bayliss	Updated to reflect 'No jab, No play' legislation and Queensland Law

Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to ensure compliance with:-

- The Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2011, Part 4.2 Div. 2 and Part 4.7 Div. 1
- The Queensland Vaccination Legislation
- The Australian Governments No Jab No Play Legislation

These set out the requirements for Health and Safety policies and practices in relation to immunisation status and the required records for children to be enrolled in Queensland Early Childhood Education and Care Services

Rationale

The incidence of many diseases has reduced greatly due to immunisation.

From 1 January 2016 a Queensland law relating to childhood immunisation came into effect. This law means Bright Horizons Australia Childcare Pty Ltd can cancel, refuse or place conditions on enrolment or attendance of children whose immunisations are not up to date.

From 1 January 2016 the Australian Government's 'No Jab No Play' law came into effect. This law means that children whose immunisation status is not up to date and do not have an approved medical exemption will no longer be eligible to receive the Child Care Rebate.

Bright Horizons Australia Childcare Pty Ltd supports this legislation and is committed to the health and well-being of our staff, children and families. We encourage everyone to make sure their vaccinations are up to date.

Relevant Legislation

- *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: Part 4.2 Div. 2 and Part 4.7 Div. 1.*
- *National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care*
- *Queensland Vaccination Legislation*

- *Queensland Public Health Act*
- *Australian Governments 'No Jab No Play' law*

Strategies and Practices

- From 1 January 2016 Bright Horizons Australia Childcare Pty Ltd can cancel, refuse or place conditions on enrolment or attendance of children whose immunisations are not up to date
- Families will be required to provide a copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on enrolment. Under the legislation, no child can commence care in our centres unless an Immunisation History has been provided.
- Families can obtain a copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement at any time by contacting Medicare:
 - Using their Medicare online account through MyGov
 - Using the Medicare Express Plus App
 - Calling the AIR General Enquiries Line 1800 653 809
- Families will be required to provide an up to date copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement following each immunisation.
- Conscientious objection has been removed as a reason for a vaccination exemption. Under the Australian Governments No Jab No Play, initiative children attending our centres under a 'conscientious objection' will no longer be eligible for the Child Care Rebate and therefore will be required to pay the full fee. **Under the new Queensland law attendance of these children is at our discretion.**
- If an outbreak of a disease that is preventable by immunisation occurs at the service, un-immunised children, children who are on a recognised catch-up schedule, or who have a registered medical exemption will be excluded from the centre for the incubation time listed in the Infectious Diseases Exclusion Table. This will include even those children who appear well during the outbreak period, and fees must continue to be paid as per normal during this time of exclusion.
- Families will be notified of an outbreak of an infectious disease verbally and via written notices.
- The Service will provide families with information about immunisation schedules via pamphlets, notice-boards and newsletters. Information will be provided in multiple languages when available.
- Children and Team Members who are not fully vaccinated will be excluded from the service if an excludable infectious illness or disease has been confirmed at the service.

- Team Members will provide details of immunisation status upon commencement of employment, which will be kept in the Team Members' confidential file.
- Team Members will be encouraged to keep up to date with their recommended vaccinations as per the current immunisation schedule.
- Team Members will receive information at orientation in relation to immunisation and infectious diseases as well as having regular access to updated information in the form of a Team Member's resource folder or display in the staff room.

Associated Documents

Infectious Diseases Policy

References

- *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*
- *National Quality Standards for Education and Care Services*
- *National Immunisation Program Schedule*
- *Queensland Vaccination Legislation*
- *Australian Government 'No Jab No Play' Legislation*

Resources

The Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority: <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/>

Queensland Vaccination Legislation – A Handbook for Early Childhood Education and Care Services 1 January 2016

Notes

Information relating to this policy is communicated throughout the Service using a variety of the following:

Newsletters, emails, parent and team handbooks, team meetings and memos, planned experiences for the children, notice boards and posters, pamphlets and information sheets in the foyer, role modelling and signs displayed around the classrooms and Service.

Policy Written by: Alison Bayliss		Date: August 2012
Version 1.2	August 2012 (Jeanine Scull)	Update to reflect ECSNR NQS
Version 1.3	Approved Date: August 2018	Change Description: Update to reflect 'No Jab, No Play' legislation and Queensland Vaccination Legislation Next review date: August 2019

Team Members Sign:

Immunisation Schedule Queensland

Children (under 10 years)

July 2018

Always check the Australian Immunisation Register prior to vaccinating

Any additional information about the vaccines included in this schedule should be obtained from the online version of the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH).

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand	Reconstitute	Site to administer	Administration	Important notes
Birth	Hepatitis B	H-B-VaxII paediatric OR Engerix B paediatric	No	Anterolateral thigh	IM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give within 24 hours of birth Can be given up to 7 days after birth
	Tuberculosis	BCG	No	Deltoid muscle into the humerus	Intradermal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children *Please see BCG note over the page
2 months and 4 months	DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib	Infanrix hexa	YES	Anterolateral thigh	IM	ALL CHILDREN
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	No			
	Rotavirus	Rotarix	No	Mouth	Oral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose must be given <15 weeks 2nd dose must be given < 25 weeks Check the Rotarix dose wheel
6 months	DTPa-hep B-IPV-Hib	Infanrix hexa	YES	Anterolateral thigh	IM	ALL CHILDREN
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	No	Anterolateral thigh	IM	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13				Children with medical risk factors
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13				Premature infants born <28 weeks gestation
From 6 months to <5 years	Influenza	As supplied	No	<12 months: anterolateral thigh ≥12 months: deltoid	IM	<p>ALL CHILDREN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses required for children from 6 months to <9 years of age with a minimum of 1 month between doses in the first year they receive influenza vaccine

Refer to the *Influenza Immunisation Schedule* at www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseasesinfection/immunisation/service-providers/influenza

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand	Reconstitute	Site to administer	Administration	Important notes
12 months	Measles-mumps-rubella	Priorix OR MMRII	YES	Deltoid	SC or IM SC	ALL CHILDREN
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix	YES	Deltoid	IM	ALL CHILDREN at 12 months of age
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	No	Deltoid	IM	ALL CHILDREN
	Hepatitis A	Vaqta paediatric				Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children
	Hepatitis B	H-B-VaxII paediatric OR Engerix B paediatric	No	Deltoid	IM	Premature baby <32 weeks gestation or <2000g birthweight only
18 months	Measles-mumps-rubella-varicella	Priorix Tetra OR	YES	Deltoid	SC or IM SC	ALL CHILDREN
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Act-HIB	YES	Deltoid	IM	ALL CHILDREN who receive a Nimenrix at 12 months of age will require a <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b at 18 months of age
	DTPa	Infanrix OR Tripacel	No	Deltoid	IM	ALL CHILDREN
	Hepatitis A	Vaqta paediatric	No	Deltoid	IM	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children
4 years	DTPa-IPV	Infanrix IPV OR Quadracel	No	Deltoid	IM	ALL CHILDREN
	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	No	Deltoid	IM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 dose • Children with medical risk factors

*BCG is provided by TB Control Units and is recommended for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander newborns and other children <5 years of age living in Indigenous communities
- Children <5 years travelling to a country of high TB incidence for a prolonged period and newborns where there is a family history of leprosy

Further information can be obtained from www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0027/637614/bcg-English.pdf

Refer to the online version of The Australian Immunisation Handbook — Table 2.2.2: Recommended needle size, length and angle for administering vaccines