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1.4	August 2018	Sacha Hunter	Medicare details changed

## 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 and the 'No Jab, No Play' legislation.

This sets out the requirements for Health and Safety policies and practices in relation to immunisation records.

## Rationale

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

Our Service would like to keep the children and Team Members as healthy and safe as possible. As such, we aim to provide information on immunisation to families and Team Members.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, under the 'No Jab, No Play' legislation, a child commencing at our centre must be fully immunised for their age or, on a vaccination catch-up program or, be unable to be fully immunised for medical reasons and have a medical exemption registered with the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR), or be eligible for the 'grace period'.

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.

## 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*
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (No Jab, No Play) Act 2015*
- *The Public Health Act Amendment (review) 2017*

## Strategies and Practices

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- 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 centre unless this Immunisation History Statement has been provided.
- Families will be required to provide an updated copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement following each immunisation.
- 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.
- If an outbreak of a disease that is preventable by immunisation occurs at the service, un-immunised children, who are on a recognised catch-up schedule, have a registered medical exemption, or who are eligible for the grace period (referred to below) will be excluded for the incubation time listed in the Infectious Diseases Exclusion Table. This will include children who appear well during the outbreak period.
- Families and Team Members will be notified of an outbreak of an infectious disease via written notices.
- Children enrolled in our centre prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and currently on a 'Conscientious objection' will continue their enrolment however under the Commonwealth Government's 'No Jab, No Play' initiative they will no longer be eligible for the Childcare Rebate) and therefore will be required to pay full fees. Please note that children who change centre's from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 are no longer eligible for the 'Conscientious objection'.
- 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
- Under the No Jab, No Play law, only vulnerable and disadvantaged children will be eligible to enrol in a service under a grace period, without having provided proof of up to date immunisation. The grace period provisions allow the family to continue to access early childhood education and care services while receiving information and assistance to get their child's immunisations up to date and to obtain the required immunisation documentation that needs to be provided to the service. Children eligible to be enrolled under the grace period include:
- Children evacuated from their place of residence due to an emergency such as a flood or bushfire;

- Children in emergency care within the meaning of section 3(1) of the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005;
- Children in the care of an adult who are not the child's parent due to exceptional circumstances such as illness or incapacity;
- Children identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Children whose parents hold a health care card, a pensioner concession card, a Veterans Affairs Gold or White card;
- Children from a multiple birth of triplets or more
- Any other circumstance specified in the guidelines made by the Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Guidelines specifying additional groups eligible for the grace period are currently being developed. It is intended that they will include refugee and asylum seekers, children known to Child Protection and children referred to Child FIRST. The grace period is for 16 weeks commencing from the date that the child first attends care. Your Centre Director can assist you in determining your eligibility for the grace period.

- 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

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*Grace Period eligibility checklist (once developed by the Department of Health and Human Services)*

## References

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*Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*

*National Quality Standards for Education and Care Services*

### Immunisation Schedule Victoria

*No Jab, No Play – frequently asked questions, 20 October 2015 (Victorian State Government)*

### Resources

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

Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (No Jab, No Play) Act 2015

No Jab, No Play – frequently asked questions, 20 October 2015 (Victorian State Government): <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/no-jab-no-play>

### 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.

<b>Policy Written by:</b> Kim Kelley		<b>Date: August 2012</b>
<b>Approved by:</b> Bright Horizons Australia Childcare		
<b>Version 1.3</b>		<b>Change Description:</b> Update to reflect ‘No Jab, No Play’ legislation in Victoria
<b>Version 1.4</b>	<b>Approved Date:</b> August 2018	<b>Change Description:</b> Medicare details changed. <b>Next review date:</b> August 2018

**Team Members Sign:**

# Immunisation schedule Victoria

## Infants and children – July 2018

\*Live attenuated vaccine

Medical risk factors

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand <sup>®</sup>	Reconstitute	Site given	Route given	Notes
<b>Birth</b>	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax-II Paediatric or Engerix-B Paediatric	X	Anterolateral thigh	IM	Give preferably within 24 hours of birth May be given up to 7 days after birth
<b>2 months (from 6 weeks) and 4 months</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Infanrix <i>hexa</i>	✓	Anterolateral thigh	IM	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	X	Anterolateral thigh	IM	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix*	X	Mouth	Oral	1st dose must be given before 15 weeks of age 2nd dose must be given before 25 weeks of age
<b>6 months</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis- poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Infanrix <i>hexa</i>	✓	Anterolateral thigh	IM	Give with an 8-week interval after dose 2 of Infanrix <i>hexa</i> at minimum age of 24 weeks.
<b>6 months of age premature baby &lt; 28 weeks gestation or with medical risk factor</b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	X	Anterolateral thigh	IM	See current Handbook for children with a medical risk
<b>6 months to &lt;5 years - all infants and children</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Anterolateral thigh < 12 months of age	IM	Annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart Give 0.25ml dose from 6 months to under 3 years of age

Immunisation Section – Department of Health and Human Services: 1300 882 008  
Australian Immunisation Register: 1800 653 809

National HPV Register: 1800 478 734  
SAEFVIC - Victoria's vaccine safety service: 1300 882 924 #1

## Immunisation schedule Victoria. Infants and children – July 2018 (continued)

\*Live attenuated vaccine

Medical risk factors

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand <sup>®</sup>	Reconstitute	Site given	Route given	Notes
12 months	Measles-mumps-rubella	Priorix* or M-M-R-II*	✓	Anterolateral thigh	Priorix SC /IM, M-M-R-II SC	
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix	✓	Deltoid	IM	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13	✗	Deltoid	IM	
12 months of age premature baby < 32 weeks gestation or < 2000g birthweight	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax-II Paediatric or Engerix-B Paediatric	✗	Deltoid	IM	single booster dose
18 months	Measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (chickenpox)	PriorixTetra* or ProQuad*	✓	Deltoid	PriorixTetra SC/IM, Proquad SC	Current handbook recommends 2nd dose of Varilrix <sup>®</sup> /Varivax <sup>®</sup> to reduce incidence of 'breakthrough' varicella. This MUST be on prescription. Minimum 1 month interval for 2 live vaccines.
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis	Infanrix or Tripacel	✗	Deltoid	IM	
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	ActHIB	✓	Anterolateral thigh	IM	
4 years	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-poliomyelitis	Infanrix IPV or Quadracel	✗	Deltoid	IM	
4-5 years of age with medical risk factor	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	✗	Deltoid	IM	See current Handbook for recommended additional doses for children at increased risk
BCG for eligible infants and children	Tuberculosis	As supplied				BCG* for infants and children under 5 years of age travelling to TB endemic countries
5 years of age and over with medical risk factor	Influenza	Influenza	✗	Deltoid	IM	If less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart

Intramuscular injection (IM)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
Infants and children	23G/25G, 25mm length	90° to skin plane
Pre-term babies and very small babies	25G/23G, 16mm length	90° to skin plane

Subcutaneous injection (SC)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
In all persons	25G/26G, 16mm length	45° to skin plane

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# Immunisation schedule Victoria

## Adolescents – July 2018

\*Live attenuated vaccine

Medical risk factors

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand <sup>®</sup>	Reconstitute	Site given	Route given	Notes
<b>Year 7 Secondary school (or age equivalent, 12-13 years of age)</b>	<i>Human papillomavirus (HPV)</i>	Gardasil 9	X	Deltoid	IM	2 dose course (0, 6-12m) under 15 years & 3 dose course (0, 2m, 6m) if 15 years and over. Major immunocompromising conditions require a 3 dose course.
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis	Boostrix	X	Deltoid	IM	
<b>Year 10 Secondary School (or age equivalent)</b>	Meningococcal ACWY	Menactra	X	Deltoid	IM	Time limited program ceases 31 December 2018.
<b>15 years of age and over Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islanders</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	Annually
<b>15 years of age and over Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islanders with a medical risk factor</b>	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	X	Deltoid	IM	See current Handbook for recommended additional doses for people at increased risk
<b>Young people with a medical risk factor</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	Annually. See current Handbook for identification of people at increased risk

Intramuscular injection (IM)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
Adolescent	23G/25G, 25mm length	90° to skin plane
Very large adolescent	23G/25G, 38mm length	90° to skin plane

Subcutaneous injection (SC)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
In all persons	25G/26G, 16mm length	45° to skin plane

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# Immunisation schedule Victoria

## Adults – July 2018

\*Live attenuated vaccine

Medical risk factors

Age	Disease	Vaccine brand <sup>®</sup>	Reconstitute	Site given	Route given	Notes
<b>Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islanders with a medical risk factor</b>	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	X	Deltoid	IM	See current Handbook for recommended additional doses for people at increased risk
<b>Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islanders</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	Annually
	Hepatitis B					
<b>Pregnant women</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	At any stage of pregnancy
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis	Adacel or Boostrix	X	Deltoid	IM	Pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation during every pregnancy Partners of women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant if the partner has not received a pertussis booster in the last ten years. Parents/guardians of a baby under 6 months of age and they have not received a pertussis booster in the last 10 years.
<b>People with a medical risk factor</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	Annually. See current Handbook for identification of people at increased risk
<b>From 50 years of age Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islanders</b>	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	X	Deltoid	IM	See current Handbook for recommended additional doses for people at increased risk
<b>From 65 years</b>	Influenza	As supplied	X	Deltoid	IM	Annually. Use high-immunogenicity formulations
	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	X	Deltoid	IM	See current Handbook for recommended additional doses for people at increased risk
<b>70 years or from 71 to 79 years (until the end of 2021)</b>	Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Zostavax	✓	Deltoid	SC	Single dose unless contra-indicated

Intramuscular injection (IM)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
Adults	23G/25G, 25mm length	90° to skin plane
Very large adult	23G/25G, 38mm length	90° to skin plane

Subcutaneous injection (SC)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
In all persons	25G/26G, 16mm length	45° to skin plane

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## Additional at risk groups – July 2018

\*Live attenuated vaccine Medical risk factors

Group	Disease	Vaccine brand <sup>®</sup>	Reconstitute	Site given	Route given	Notes
<b>Women planning pregnancy or after delivery</b>	Measles-mumps-rubella	Priorix*	✓	Deltoid	Priorix SC/IM, M-M-R-II SC	Rubella non-immune women planning pregnancy or shortly after delivery
<b>**Vulnerable citizens</b>	Age appropriate vaccine catch-up	As supplied	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable	Eligible for NIP and Victorian funded immunisation programs
<b>Hepatitis B vaccine for eligible people at risk</b>	Hepatitis B	Engerix-B (paediatric/adult)	X	Deltoid	IM	All non immune Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Household contacts or sexual partners of people living with hepatitis B infection People who inject drugs or are on opioid substitution therapy People living with hepatitis C Men who have sex with men People living with HIV Prisoners and remandees People no longer in a custodial setting who commenced but did not complete the vaccine course while in custody People from endemic countries and who arrived in Australia in the last 10 years. (Priority countries include China, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Thailand, South Korea, Myanmar (Burma) Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Cambodia)
<b>**Rabies vaccine for eligible people at risk</b>	Rabies	As supplied	✓	Deltoid	IM	Volunteer handler of Australian bats in Victoria for the primary course Post exposure prophylaxis
<b>Men who have sex with men</b>	Meningococcal	Menactra	X	Deltoid	IM	Time limited program to finish on 31 December 2018
	Human Papillomavirus	Gardasil	X	Deltoid	IM	Time limited program to finish on 31 December 2018
	Hepatitis A	Havrix 1440	X	Deltoid	IM	Time limited program to finish on 31 December 2018
<b>People who have injected drugs in the past 12 months</b>	Hepatitis A	Havrix 1440	X	Deltoid	IM	Time limited program to finish on 31 December 2018

Intramuscular injection (IM)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
In all persons	23G/25G, 25mm length	90° to skin plane
Pre-term babies & very small babies	25G/23G, 16mm length	90° to skin plane
Very large person	23G/25G, 38mm length	90° to skin

Subcutaneous injection (SC)	Needle size	Angle of needle insertion
In all persons	25G/26G, 16mm length	45° to skin plane

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