

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Notifiable Disease Policy

Aim

Edgeworth Child Care Centre will notify the Public Health Authorities if there is a breakout of a vaccine preventable disease in order to make the child care environment a safe place for all to attend.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011
National Quality Standards 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011
Public Health Act (Amendment) 1992

Who is affected by this policy?

Children
Staff
Educators
Families
Volunteers
Students
Management

Implementation

Under the Public Health Act (Amendment) 1992, all Education and Care Services must by law notify the Public Health Authorities in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease in their Service. The service will maintain records about the immunisation status of children, and educators and staff, which will be updated, and will also include details for children who are considered unimmunised. Parents/guardians have a responsibility to notify the Service if their child develops a vaccine preventable disease to assist in notifying the Public Health Unit. The procedure in this event would be as follows:

- 1/ Parent/Guardian notify the Service that their child has been diagnosed with a vaccine preventable illness.
- 2/ The Approved Provider /Nominated Supervisor would then call the PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
PH: **49 21 30 00**

Or After Hours: **49 21 30 00**
* ask for the public health officer on call
- 3/ The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will provide information about the:

Full Details of the Child: *NAME*
 DATE OF BIRTH
 ADDRESS
 CONTACT DETAILS

A list of any “UNIMMUNISED” children/staff and their details, to the Public Health Officer.

The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011
Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011
Staying Healthy in Child Care 5th Edition 2012

Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule:

[http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/E875BA5436C6DF9BCA2575BD001C80BF/\\$File/nip-schedule-card-may2012.pdf](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/E875BA5436C6DF9BCA2575BD001C80BF/$File/nip-schedule-card-may2012.pdf) Retrieved 25 10 17

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Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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