

## Lyndoch Preschool

### Infectious diseases, Immunisation

#### National Quality Standard QA 3 Regulation 168 173 Rationale

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting people against harmful diseases before they come into contact with them in the community.

Immunisation not only protects individuals, but also others in the community, by reducing the spread of disease.

The department values the importance of vaccinating children to:

- help protect them from diseases that can be prevented by vaccination
  - help protect others who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons from being exposed to these diseases
  - help protect departmental employees from diseases that can be prevented by vaccination
- Immunisation Status – following the Childhood Immunisation Schedule. **(Appendix 1)**

#### **Appendix 1 - Childhood Immunisation schedule**

Vaccine	Birth	6 weeks	4 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	4 years <sup>^</sup>
<a href="#">Chickenpox</a>	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
<a href="#">Diphtheria</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Hepatitis A</a>	-	-	-	-	Yes*	Yes*	-
<a href="#">Hepatitis B</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
<a href="#">Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine (Hib)</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
<a href="#">Measles</a>	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
<a href="#">Meningococcal ACWY</a>	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
<a href="#">Meningococcal B</a>	-	Yes#	Yes#	-	Yes#	-	-
<a href="#">Mumps</a>	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
<a href="#">Pneumococcal</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	-	-
<a href="#">Polio</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes
<a href="#">Rotavirus</a>	-	Yes <sup>+</sup>	Yes <sup>+</sup>	-	-	-	-
<a href="#">Rubella</a>	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
<a href="#">Tetanus</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Whooping cough</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes

**Parent/caregiver will:**

- Supply evidence of their child's immunisation records to the preschool on enrolment
- Supply evidence of any additional immunisations received within two weeks or when they next attend the preschool.

**Staff will:**

- Record on the Early Years System and EMS each child as
  - - immunised
  - - not immunised
  - - Information not provided Any child whose immunisation status is unknown will be deemed to be not vaccinated and will be excluded from the preschool in accordance with SA Health exclusion period guidelines. **Appendix 2**

Exclusions will occur: If there is an occurrence of an infectious vaccine preventable disease (VPD) covered by the Childhood Immunisation Program at a service, then a child who is recorded as non-immunised is to be excluded in accordance with the SA Health exclusion period guidelines.

Recognised record of immunisation status Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) The AIR can be accessed by:

- visiting the Department of Human Services or Medicare Website
- visiting a Medicare service centre
- phoning 1800 653 809
- emailing [acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au)

A child's immunisation status is current when the date of 'next due immunisation(s)' (located at the bottom of the statement) is in the future or blank.

Exempt from Vaccinations Children who have a medical reason for not being vaccinated are required to have a general practitioner complete an exemption form.

A completed form should be sighted by the service. These children will be recorded as non-immunised and treated accordingly.

**Reporting Requirements**

The occurrence of a communicable disease, including a vaccine preventable disease covered by the Childhood Immunisation Program, is a reportable matter in accordance with clause 174(2) of Schedule 1 of the Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011.

All services are to lodge a report of an occurrence on Incident and Response Management System (IRMS) in accordance with the Injury Incident Reporting and Investigation Procedure.

An occurrence of a vaccine preventable disease is also a notifiable condition that is required by law to be reported by medical practitioners and health laboratories to SA Health. A notice is to be placed at the service notifying all parents, staff and visitors indicating that there is an occurrence of an infectious disease at this site Regulation 173 (2)(g). **Appendix 3**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

