

# The Kinder Garden



## Notifiable Disease Policy

### Aim

The Kinder Garden 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: 1300 066 055

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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

NSW Health <http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation/schedule.asp> Retrieved 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Review

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

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**Date for next review:** February 2019