



Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

Tambo Child Care Centre Immunisation Policy

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Introduction

Immunisation is a simple, safe, and effective way to protect against preventable, harmful diseases.

Immunisation history records

- Approved immunisation documentary evidence* must be either:
 - An official record issued by the *Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)*.
 - A letter from a recognised immunisation provider i.e., GP or immunisation nurse.
- Documentary evidence must clearly indicate whether a child's immunisation status is 'up-to-date' or 'not up-to-date' as per *Queensland Immunisation Schedule*. An up-to-date status includes cases where a child is on a recognised catch-up schedule or has a documented approved medical exemption.
- Parents/guardians can obtain an immunisation history statement for their child via:
 - Medicare Online Services
 - Express Plus Medicare app
 - Email request - air@humanservices.gov.au
 - Phoning the Australian Immunisation Register - 1800 653 809
 - Visiting local Medicare Service Centre
- If a child's immunisation status is unknown or the parent/guardian is unable to provide approved documentary evidence (as detailed above), the child's immunisation status will be considered as 'not vaccinated' (Section 160D of the *Public Health Act 2005*).

* The *Red Book (Queensland Health)* (or other state-based Personal Health Record) and non-Australian government vaccination records are **NOT** recognised as approved documentary evidence.

Parent/guardian responsibilities

- Inform and provide documentary evidence of their child's immunisation status upon (via *Enrolment Online Form/Booklet*) and throughout enrolment.
- If unsure of child's immunisation status, seek advice from a registered medical practitioner.

Centre/educator responsibilities

- Maintain current child immunisation records. Scan and upload child immunisation records on Kidsoft record.
- Upon enrolment, inform parents/guardians with children whose immunisation is not up to date that:

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- In the event of vaccine preventable disease outbreak and if advised by the Queensland Public Health Unit, their child may be excluded from the centre for a period of time and fees will be payable for this duration.
- Prominently display the most current Queensland Immunisation Schedule.

- Upon and throughout employment, educators will when possible provide details of their immunisation history via Staff Immunisation Record. If unsure of their immunisation history, educators are encouraged to seek advice from a registered medical practitioner.
- Upon employment educators (via the BTRC Employee Handbook) will be informed of recommended vaccinations for early childhood educators. Educators are strongly encouraged to seek further advice from a registered medical practitioner. Recommended vaccinations include:
 - Hepatitis A
 - Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)
 - Chickenpox (if not previously infected)
 - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
 - Influenza

Resources and information

- 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- Public Health Unit for information about local immunisation providers and clinics
- Staying Healthy - Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services. Fifth edition.