



## Mountain community children's centre inc.

### Immunisation and Infectious Diseases Policy

**Rationale:** Health guidelines have identified Immunisation as an effective way to stem infection within the community and to protect individuals against vaccine preventable diseases.

**Aim:** To provide a safe environment for children, staff and families and to support the promotion of health issues within the wider community.

**Procedure:**

The Centre will maintain an immunisation register to identify the immunisation status of individuals at the Centre. The centre will also act to control the spread of infectious diseases (see also Unwell Children/Medical Conditions Policy)

Upon enrolment families must provide the centre with a copy of the child's Immunisation History Statement provided by Medicare.

The specified Funded Immunisation Schedule recommended by Medicare Australia is:

Age	Disease Immunised Against
birth	Hepatitis B
2 months	Diphtheria - Tetanus – Whooping Cough Hepatitis B Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) Polio Pneumococcal disease Rotavirus
4 months	Diphtheria - Tetanus – Whooping Cough Hepatitis B Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) Polio Pneumococcal disease Rotavirus
6 months	Diphtheria - Tetanus – Whooping Cough Hepatitis B – or at 12 months Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) (may be given depending on vaccine type) Polio Pneumococcal disease Rotavirus
12 months	Hepatitis B – or at 6 months Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) Measles – Mumps – Rubella Meningococcal C disease
18 months	Chickenpox
4 years	Diphtheria - Tetanus – Whooping Cough Measles – Mumps – Rubella Polio

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recommend that child care staff should be immunised against:

- Hepatitis A
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

The centre will also keep a record of staff immunisation where possible. These will be filled in staff files (refer to attachment 1).

In the event of a child or staff member contracting a vaccine preventable disease, full confidentiality for the individual will be maintained, however, families will be notified by display on the notice boards and/or via individual letters. The Centre will provide printed literature regarding the disease as requested.

The Director (Nominated supervisor) must inform the Medical Officer of the Public Health Unit if the Centre has an incidence of a vaccine preventable disease.

Children or staff who are not immunised will be excluded from the Centre (fees must still be paid and make up days will not be offered). Information regarding exclusion will be conveyed to the family / staff by the Director (Nominated supervisor) who will confirm that the family will receive a letter from the Medical Officer of the Department of Health notifying of:

- (a) the type of disease evident in the Centre, and
- (b) the length of time that the child / member of staff will be excluded from the Centre (the time being determined by the Health Officer).

An individual who is excluded may re-commence at the Centre if they are immunised within 72 hours of the vaccine preventable disease being detected in the Centre, and provide staff with the necessary information for the Immunisation Register. Information regarding Immunisation Clinics will be readily available in the Parent / Family Library or in newsletters or notices. It is recommended that staff receive a booster immunisation every 10 years, or 5 years for Hepatitis.

Families are asked to inform staff if their child has been immunised within the last 48 hours in case of any reactions that may occur. Families are then asked to provide updated details of current immunisation.

### **Free Immunisation Clinics**

The centre will provide the families annually with the details of the local drop in immunisation clinics. This will be either via the newsletter or on the notice board.

Attachment 1

## Mountain Community Children's Centre Staff Immunisation Record

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Disease / Vaccine</b>	<b>Disease</b>	<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Date</b>
Hepatitis A			
Measles, Mumps and Rubella			
Varicella (Chickenpox)			
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)			