Early Years Policy – Dealing with Infectious Diseases (including Child Immunisation)

Attachment 5 – Child Immunisation Recommendation

Immunisations are an effective means of reducing the risk of vaccine preventable diseases. Early childhood education and care services which are regulated under the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* and *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011* have legislative responsibilities under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* to only offer a confirmed place in their programs to children with an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement (refer to Definitions). To meet the Child Care Subsidy immunisation requirements, children must be immunised according to the [National Immunisation Program Schedule](https://www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/when-to-get-vaccinated/national-immunisation-program-schedule) set out by the Australian Government’s Department of Health.

Routine childhood immunisations help to protect children against:

* diphtheria
* tetanus
* whooping cough (pertussis)
* polio
* pneumococcal disease
* meningococcal ACWY disease
* hepatitis B
* Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
* rotavirus
* chickenpox (varicella)
* measles
* mumps
* rubella (German measles)
* influenza
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants are also protected against meningococcal B disease.

For more information visit: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation>