

Immunisation Policy

National Quality Standard (NQS)

QA2	2.1.2	Health practices and procedures - Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
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National Regulations

Regs	77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
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Aim

Adelaide University Childcare Services Incorporated (AUCS) will aim to minimise risks, complications, and the spread of vaccine preventable diseases to ensure children and Centre educators and staff have up to date immunisation in accordance with the *National Immunisation Program (NIP) Schedule* and keep an up-to-date register of children and staff immunisations.

Immunisation of children and adults significantly reduces the mortality associated with vaccine preventable diseases, it is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community against harmful diseases and controlling the spread of infectious diseases in the Centre.

Implementation

The National Immunisation Program Schedule for South Australia can be found here:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/resources/national+immunisation+program+south+australia+schedule>

Note: homeopathic immunisation is not recognised.

Immunisation Records

Following changes to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (the Act), from 7 August 2020, children will not be able to enrol in or attend early childhood services unless all immunisation requirements are met.

Parents who wish to enrol their child at the Centre must provide a copy of their child's Australian Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) at the time of enrolment showing the child's immunisations are up to date in line with the National Immunisation Program (includes any approved exemptions).

If the AIR statement shows the child is on a recognised catch-up schedule, the child can enrol and attend if the end date for the catch-up schedule has not been passed. No child can attend the service if their immunisations are not up to date or they do not meet the exemption requirements that follow:

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Australian schedule. Parents are responsible for having their child's overseas immunis

