

## Immunisation and enrolling your child in kindergarten or childcare

### No Jab, No Play – Changes to the Victorian law

Under the 'No Jab, No Play' legislation, before enrolling a child, early childhood education and care services have to first obtain evidence that the child is up to date with all vaccinations that are due for their age, or that they are able to receive. On 28 February 2018, the 'No Jab, No Play' legislation was amended so that **an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)** is the only form of documentation accepted for the purpose of enrolling in an early childhood education and care service. Previous forms of documentation, for example a letter from a GP or local council, are no longer accepted.



**Immunisation history statement examples**

### Under 'No Jab, No Play' what documentation is required as evidence of up-to-date vaccination?

To have an enrolment confirmed for a child in long day care, kindergarten, family day care or occasional care, parents/carers have to provide the service with:

- a current Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR);

AND

- the statement must show that the child is up to date with all vaccinations that are due for their age, or that they are able to receive.

The Immunisation History Statement from the AIR lists the vaccines the child has received and, if applicable, which vaccines are due in the future and when. Medical exemption may also be listed, where applicable.

**An Immunisation History Statement from the AIR is the only type of immunisation record accepted by early childhood and care services for the purposes of confirming enrolment and must be provided within the two months prior to the child starting at the service.** The Medicare logo and Australian Government crest must be present and identifiable to be considered a valid Immunisation History Statement. For example, if the statement is page two of a letter from Medicare, both pages need to be presented to the service to confirm enrolment.

### **How can parents/carers get an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)?**

Parents/carers can print a copy of their child's Immunisation History Statement from their **myGov account** or:

- call the AIR on phone 1800 653 809

- visit a Medicare or Centrelink office.

Families who do not hold a Medicare card must call the AIR to request an Immunisation History Statement. A Translating and Interpreting Service is available by calling 131 450, Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:45pm.

### **What do parents/carers whose child's vaccinations are not up-to-date need to do to obtain acceptable documentation?**

If a child's vaccinations are not up-to-date then parents/carers should consult their GP or local council immunisation service about bringing the child's vaccinations up to date. Once the child is up to date with vaccinations, they can request an updated Immunisation History Statement from the AIR.

### **How can parents/carers obtain acceptable documentation if their child was vaccinated overseas?**

Children who were vaccinated overseas must have their vaccine records assessed by a GP or immunisation nurse and be offered vaccination as required. Once the child's records have been reviewed and updated by their GP, they can request an updated Immunisation History Statement from the AIR.

If you have further queries regarding the Immunisation History Statement needed to finalise enrolment for your child in long day care, kindergarten, family day care or occasional care, please contact a WCC Preschool Coordinator on 5559 4800.