

NO JAB, NO PLAY - Information for Families

Notice to parents/caregivers regarding the implementation of this policy FROM 7 August 2020.

The early childhood services and immunisation requirements legislation (No Jab, No Play) is an amendment to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011.

This new law comes into effect on **7 August 2020**. It means that in order for a child to attend an early childhood service after that date they must have all age-appropriate vaccines as set out in the [National Immunisation Program](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation) (www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation)

Families will need to provide the following information to their early childhood service as soon as possible:

- a copy of your child's current immunisation record; or
- evidence that your child has an approved exemption; or
- evidence that your child is on a catch up schedule.

If you have already provided these records you do not need to provide another copy.

We are required to keep a copy of these records while your child is enrolled in an early childhood service so that the Chief Public Health Officer has them to hand in order to protect susceptible children in the event of any type of vaccine preventable outbreak.

For Occasional Care children this means

A current approved immunisation record needs to be supplied:

- at the time of enrolment **THEN AGAIN**,
- after your child turns 7 months of age but before they turn 9 months of age
- after your child turns 13 months of age but before they turn 15 months of age
- after your child turns 19 months of age but before they turn 21 months of age
- after your child turns 4 years and 2 months of age but before they turn 4 years and 8 months of age.

For Preschool children this means

A current approved immunisation record needs to be supplied:

- at the time of enrolment **THEN AGAIN**,
- after your child turns 4 years and 2 months of age but before they turn 4 years and 8 months of age.

Records must be provided at these times to show your child is up to date with all immunisations and the immunisations have been provided at the correct schedule points. Children must receive their immunisations as outlined in the guidelines.

Our staff are required to suspend the enrolment of children when an Immunisation Record has not been provided **OR** the child's immunisations are not up to date. This means the child will be unable to attend.

Please ensure you provide our staff with an up-to-date copy of your child's Immunisation Record. These can be emailed to Suzanne.Dawson531@schools.sa.edu.au or a printed copy can be given to one of the staff.

To support you with these changes please find attached Frequently Asked Questions for parents and carers.

More information

Contact the Immunisation Section, Communicable Disease Control Branch, phone 1300 232 272 or visit:

- www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation
- [SA Health parent and carer FAQ](#)
- [SA Health early childhood service provider FAQ](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions or require further information or assistance.

Suzanne Dawson, Director – Adelaide Miethke Preschool.