3.1   IMMUNISATION

Policy:

Mackay Family Day Care Scheme provides care for all children, whether they are medically immunised or not.

Mackay Family Day Care Scheme engages educators who meet the regulatory and scheme requirements regardless of their immunisation status.

Procedures:

1. When placing a child who is not medically immunised, the co-ordination unit staff and educators will take into consideration the appropriateness of the placement to ensure quality of care, particularly in regard to children who are not of age to be vaccinated.

2. Children who are not medically immunised may be excluded from care during outbreaks of some infectious diseases, even if they are well, depending on advice provided by the public health unit.

3. Mackay Family Day Care Scheme requires that educators whose own children or children in care are not medically immunised, advise current and prospective families; allowing them to make an informed decision regarding the appropriateness of the placement for their child.

4. As per the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recommendations, Mackay Family Day Care Scheme recommends that all educators and other staff are immunised against:

    -   Pertussis (whooping cough) – adult booster dose

    -   measles-mumps-rubella (if born during or after 1966 who have only had one dose)

    -   varicella (chickenpox) – if not previously infected

    -   hepatitis A.

    -   influenza (annual vaccination).

Date Implemented	Review Due	Date Reviewed	Date Updated	Source
2010 March	2011 September 2013 March 2014 September 2016 March 2016 December 2017 March 2018 September 2019 December 2021 August 2023 February 2024 January	2011 September 2013 March 2014 September 2016 September 2017 March 2021 August	2015 June 2018 June 2020 February 2022 July	• National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care, 2009 • Staying Healthy – preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services, 5th edition. • National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)