

1. POLICY CERTIFICATION

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2. POLICY PURPOSE

The Roper Gulf Regional Council Crèche has a duty to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children, parents and Childcare Educators enrolled at the crèche. This policy minimises the risk of spreading infectious disease amongst the children, parents and Childcare Educators.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The Crèche minimises the risk of spreading infectious diseases to children by maintaining a current record of children's and Childcare Educators immunisation status. During an outbreak of a communicable disease listed by the National Health and Medical Research Council in the most recent edition of Australian Immunisation Handbook unimmunised children will be excluded from the crèche.

4. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This policy applies to Crèches run under Roper Gulf Regional Council.

5. DEFINITIONS

Crèche	is a day care centre where child care educator will take care of children in place of their parents
RGRC	Roper Gulf Regional Council

6. PRINCIPLES

6.1 Children

The RGRC Crèche recommends that the children attending our care be immunised according to the schedule and guidelines recommended by the Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). Information will be given to parents regarding exclusion times for these diseases on enrolment and when an outbreak occurs.

Parents will be requested to provide a copy of their child's immunisation record upon enrolment and provide updated information as further immunisation is required. All parents of non immunised children should ensure that they discuss this with the Crèche supervisor.

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The Crèche will provide information for parents on recommended immunisation schedules and details of place and time of local immunisation services. This information is displayed at each creche site.

Children who are not immunised will be excluded from the Crèche during an outbreak of a disease for which there is a vaccine recommended by the NHMRC.

6.2 Childcare Educators

It is recommended that all Childcare Educators and staff ensure they are fully immunised against the following contagious diseases:-

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Mumps
- Measles
- Polio
- Rubella
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

The crèche provides information to Childcare Educators in regards to diseases which are a risk during pregnancy.

7. REFERENCES

Acknowledgements (original author/source documents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Health and Medical Research Council: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au ▪ Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Ed 2013: http://www.health.gov.au ▪ Department of Health and Ageing – Immunise Australia Program : http://www.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/home ▪ Staying Healthy in Child Care by Australian Government, Canberra
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FACS005 – Crèche - Illness and Exclusion Policy
Related Publications	
Relevant Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Exclusion periods for School, Pre-schools and child care and Child care centres NHRMC poster • 340-012 Crèche Enrolment Form

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8. DOCUMENT CONTROL

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