Policy 2.13

Immunisation and Exclusion

The parents of the Two Wells Community Children’s Centre will be encouraged to immunise their child against all diseases appropriate to their children’s age.

Families are encouraged to inform the centre of any infectious diseases. We will then inform other families within the centre of any diseases, signs and symptoms of which they may need to be aware.

If families choose not to immunise their children, they will be informed of any outbreaks and they can then choose whether they would like to send their child to attend.

Children and staff with infectious diseases will be excluded from the service in accordance with the guidelines in the Staying Healthy, fifth edition.

Staff will contact the SA Health – Communicable Disease Control Branch on 1300232272 when outbreak infection diseases occur, as stated in the Staying Healthy, fifth edition.

If a child is unwell at home, parents/guardians are asked not to bring the child to the service. If they have an identified illness the child needs to remain home for the period of exclusion outlined on the illness fact sheet.

If a staff member is unwell they should not report to work. Staff members should contact the Director at the earliest possible time to advise of their inability to report to work.

In the case of serious ill health or hospitalisation, the child or staff member will require a medical certificate from their medical practitioner or specialist, verifying that their recovery is sufficient to enable them to return to work or the service.

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register rules mean that your child must be fully immunised within one month of their fourth birthday or you will not receive your Child Care Benefit entitlement. For a copy of the National Immunisation Program Schedule please refer to page 21 of the Staying Healthy, fifth edition.

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Sources:
- Staying Healthy, Fifth edition
- Department of Health and Aging
- Network SA
- www.immunise.health.gov.au