



## IMMUNISATION POLICY

### Policy & Guidance

- Primary responsibility for the prevention and control of infectious diseases lies with individuals, families and public health authorities.
- Schools are not expected to provide expert advice or treat students, which is the role of medical practitioners and health authorities.
- Schools must request that parents/carers of primary school students provide them with an immunisation history statement and must record information about the immunisation status of each student on CASES21.
- Schools must follow exclusion requirements and procedures as set out in this policy.
- Secondary schools are encouraged to adopt strategies which actively support their school's vaccine program.
- Schools are not expected to give expert advice or treat students — this is the role of medical practitioners and health authorities, as appropriate.

### Purpose

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure Footscray North Primary School is aware of their student immunisation responsibilities and exclusion processes during an infectious disease outbreak.

### Definitions

**Vaccination** means having a vaccine — that is, receiving an injection or receiving a vaccine orally.

**Immunisation** means both receiving a vaccine and becoming immune to a disease as a result of being vaccinated.

### **Exclusion**

The period of time for which a student is required to not attend school.

### Implementation

- Please refer to the school's *Enrolment Policy* for full details of the enrolment and admission processes and immunisation requirements.
- As set out in the [Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 \(Vic\)](#) the Principal will not allow a child to attend school if:
  - they have been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease, confirmed by a medical practitioner, that requires exclusion as described in the [DHHS School exclusion table](#)
  - they have been informed that a child has been in contact with a person with an infectious disease as described in the School exclusion table

- during an outbreak, the Chief Health Officer directs the school to exclude a child based on material risk of a child contracting a vaccine-preventable disease (i.e. a child who is not immunised to be excluded until advised attendance can be resumed)
- Please refer also to the school's *Blood-Borne Viruses Policy*, *the First Aid for Students & Staff Policy*, *the Blood Spills & Open Wounds Policy*, *Decision-Making Responsibilities for Students*, *the International Student Program Policy* and *the Infectious Diseases Policy*.

### **Evaluation**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review or if guidelines change (latest DET update mid-June 2020).

Policy not mandatory  
School Council Approval No Longer Required  
The Principal may choose to table this policy with Council for noting

References:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/immunisation>