

## THE PLACE: CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

### POSITION ON VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN PLAYGROUPS

The Place: Charlestown Community Centre supports the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia's recommendation that all children should be immunised using the agreed schedule, unless there is a clear medical reason why this should not occur. In line with the evidence about child and community wellbeing, The Place strongly encourages parents to have their children immunised using the schedule provided by the NSW Ministry of Health. This is available on the NSW Ministry of Health Website:

<http://www.immunisation.health.nsw.gov.au>

#### **NOTE**

Since 1 January 2014, NSW child care centres have been prevented under the Public Health Act 2010 from enrolling children unless approved documentation is provided that indicates that the child:

is fully immunised for their age ([AIR Immunisation History Statement](#)), or has a medical reason not to be vaccinated ([AIR Immunisation Medical Exemption Form](#)), or is on a recognised catch-up schedule ([AIR Immunisation History Form](#)), or has a parent who has an objection to vaccination ([Interim Vaccination Objection Form for Enrolment in NSW Child Care Centres](#)).

The [Interim Vaccination Objection Form for Enrolment in NSW Child Care Centres](#) will be deleted and will no longer be accepted for the purposes of enrolling children in child care from **1 January 2018**. To support the integrity of these changes, offences will be created for principals of child care centres who fail to comply with these requirements, and for people who forge or falsify vaccination records. NSW Health will work closely with stakeholders and develop educational materials for parents and child care centres to support compliance.

Parents can check their child's immunisation history to assist in keeping immunisations up to date. Parents can obtain an Immunisation History Statement at any time by contacting the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on 1800 653 809 or at through Medicare online or Department of Human Services office. Online information about the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register is at <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisationregister>

Further information about immunisation:

1. The NSW Ministry of Health

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/>

2. The Australian Government Department of Health website <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/>

3. Raising Children Network <http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/immunisation.html>