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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Australian Immunisation Register School Immunisation History Statements for 2021 School Entry

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community and individuals from disease. All children enrolling in kindergarten are required to provide an **Australian Immunisation Register 'Immunisation History Statement'** to the school. If your child is classified as "fully immunised" for school entry purposes, the statement will say:

"This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age"

A copy of this Statement should also be kept in the Personal Health Record (Blue Book).

The Immunisation History Statement:

- Reminds and encourages parents to have their children immunised.
- Will indicate if your child has received all immunisations due at the time of school entry.
- Will indicate if your child has not been fully immunised, for whatever reason.
- Helps the Public Health Unit to identify children who have not been immunised, if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school.

Changes in the immunisation schedule for children about to start school:

- Recommended boosters are:
 - measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (Priorix Tetra or ProQuad) now recommended at 18 months
 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (Infanrix or Tripacel) also recommended at 18 months (for children born prior to 1/10/2014)
 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-polio (Infanrix IPV or Quadracel) recommended at 4 years
- Please see your local doctor if these vaccines have not been given. It is not too late for your child to have these vaccines now, even if he/she is over 4 years of age.

Where do I get an Immunisation History Statement for my child?

- The Immunisation History Statement is automatically generated by the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and posted to the address you have listed with Medicare when your child has received their booster vaccines at 4 years of age. You can also request the statement through the MyGov app or at any Medicare Office.
- If your child is not immunised or is not up to date, the Immunisation History Statement will indicate incomplete immunisation. Your child will still be able to enrol, however he/she may not be able to attend if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school. Your local doctor can provide the necessary vaccines to complete your child's vaccinations.

Should you require another copy of the Immunisation History Statement, please contact the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

For further information please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

Yours faithfully

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