Dear Parent

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is a national database that keeps a record of your child’s immunisations up to the age of 7 years.

Immunisation providers (G.P or council) report your child’s immunisations to the ACIR. A history statement of all your child’s immunisations is automatically posted out to you at 1, 2 and 5 years of age.

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register now supplies a history statement that acts as a school entry immunisation certificate. It is automatically posted out to you once your child has completed the 4-year-old immunisations and has completed all required childhood immunisations.*

*Make sure your history statement contains the statement at the bottom of the page: “This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age” otherwise it will not be accepted as a valid school entry immunisation certificate.

To find out how to obtain a school entry immunisation certificate see inside for more details.

What is a school entry immunisation certificate?

✓ It is a specific document which shows your child’s record of immunisation.

✓ It is a legal requirement to provide a school entry immunisation certificate on enrolment to primary school in Victoria.

✓ It will assist health authorities in protecting children in the event of a vaccine preventable disease occurrence in school.

School entry immunisation certificates can only be obtained from 2 sources:
- the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
- your local council immunisation service.

How do I obtain a school entry immunisation certificate?

✓ You will automatically receive a history statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) after your child has completed the 4-year-old vaccine schedule and has completed all childhood immunisations required.

✓ It should state at the bottom of the page “This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.” If it does, this history statement becomes a school entry immunisation certificate.

✓ If your child has completed all immunisations but you have not received a history statement call ACIR on 1800 653 809 to find out why.

✓ If for some reason your child’s immunisation records are incomplete, missing or your child has never been vaccinated, contact your local council immunisation service who will be able to assist you in obtaining a school entry immunisation certificate.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL?

YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A SCHOOL ENTRY IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATE.

Immunisation Program
Department of Human Services
Victoria
1300 882 008

Who do I give the school entry immunisation certificate to?

✓ Once you have obtained your school entry immunisation certificate you will need to present it to your child’s primary school on enrolment.

✓ If you have lost the school entry immunisation certificate issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) ring 1800 653 809 to obtain another copy.

✓ It is important that the ACIR has your current address details to make sure you receive your school entry immunisation certificate.

If you are moving, or have recently moved, contact ACIR on 1800 653 809 to update your contact details.