**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT**

**Participation selection and purpose of study:** As outlined in the National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines, ‘Staying Healthy in Child Care’, immunisation of children and staff is recommended. While immunisation is highly recommended we do not have any understanding about the attitudes of childcare staff members towards the recommended vaccines or whether any strategies are being used by childcare centres to promote uptake amongst staff.

**Description of study:** If you decide to participate, we ask that you complete an online survey, which should take no more than five minutes. The survey will be anonymous and will not collect as sensitive information. The online survey will be hosted by SurveyMonkey and data will be securely kept on the UNSW website.

**Confidentiality and disclosure of information:** Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission, except as required by law. We plan to publish the results in a peer-reviewed medical journal. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

**Recompense to participants:** If you decide to participate, you will be eligible to enter a prize draw to win one of four prizes of a Westfield voucher to the value of $100. To enter this draw, please complete your email address at the end of the survey. This information will not be used for any other purpose and will not be passed onto any other parties.

**Feedback to participants:** A summary of the results from the survey will be distributed by the ACA.

**Your consent:** Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the ‘agree to participate’ button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information provided for the research study. If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time when completing the survey by closing the questionnaire. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous. Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with the University of New South Wales or the ACA.

**Complaints**
Complaints may be directed to the Human Research Ethics Coordinator, The University of New South Wales, SYDNEY 2052 AUSTRALIA (phone 9385 6222, email humanethics@unsw.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be investigated promptly and you will be informed out the outcome.

If you have any questions, Dr Holly Seale, ph (02) 9385 3129 or on h.seale@unsw.edu.au, will be happy to answer them.