

Life Threatening Allergies & Anaphylaxis Procedure

CALL 911

1. Keep an emergency epinephrine auto-injector where it can be reached quickly (located in the Nurses Office, Recess Bag and Lunch Room Bulletin Board).
2. Parents will notify the school nurse by providing an allergy plan if a student has identified allergies.
3. The parent will bring medication to the school clinic to have available in the event of an allergic reaction. A medication permission form or allergy emergency action plan must be completed and signed by the parent and the student's physician on an annual basis.
4. The school nurse will notify the school staff via a medical alert as appropriate and/or allergy plan of any student identified with known allergies.
5. The allergy medication for a specific student will be sent with the student or appropriate staff if the student leaves the building on a field trip.
6. The school administrative unit may supply each school building with an epinephrine autoinjector for students with unknown allergies who present with a life-threatening situation.
7. School personnel should be trained annually in the care of the student with allergies.
8. The school administrative unit will be called whenever an epinephrine auto-injector is used and student's parents will be notified.
9. The epinephrine auto-injector should be used as follows:
 - Epinephrine auto-injectors contains .3 mg/.3ml epinephrine for intramuscular use (use for person over 66 pounds).
 - The junior epinephrine auto-injector contains .15 mg/.15ml epinephrine for intramuscular use (use for person under 66 pounds).
 - Epinephrine auto-injectors may be used through clothing if necessary.
 - Remove the colored cap or top.
 - Place the colored tip on the thigh at a right angle to the leg (or follow the directions on the epinephrine auto-injector insert).
 - Press hard into the thigh until the auto-injector functions, count to ten and then remove the epinephrine auto-injector.
10. A copy of this procedure should be located in the Nurses Office Medication Book, Recess Bag and the Nurses Office Epi Pen cabinet.