

PLAN OF CARE — ANAPHYLAXIS

STUDENT INFORMATION

School _____

Age _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Name _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (LIST IN PRIORITY)

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DAYTIME PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE
1.			
2.			
3.			

KNOWN LIFE-THREATENING TRIGGERS

CHECK (✓) THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

Food(s): _____ Insect Stings: _____

Other: _____

Epinephrine Auto-Injector(s) Expiry Date (s): _____

Dosage: EpiPen® Jr. 0.15 mg EpiPen® 0.30 mg Location Of Auto-Injector(s): _____

Previous anaphylactic reaction: **Student is at greater risk.**

Has asthma. **Student is at greater risk.** If student is having a reaction and has difficulty breathing, give epinephrine before asthma medication.

Any other medical condition or allergy? _____

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DAILY/ROUTINE ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT

SYMPTOMS

A STUDENT HAVING AN ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION MIGHT HAVE ANY OF THESE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- **Skin system:** hives, swelling (face, lips, tongue), itching, warmth, redness.
- **Respiratory system** (breathing): coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain or tightness, throat tightness, hoarse voice, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symptoms (runny, itchy nose and watery eyes, sneezing), trouble swallowing.
- **Gastrointestinal system** (stomach): nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, pain or cramps.
- **Cardiovascular system** (heart): paler than normal skin colour/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizziness or light-headedness, shock.
- **Other:** anxiety, sense of doom (the feeling that something bad is about to happen), headache, uterine cramps, metallic taste.

EARLY RECOGNITION OF SYMPTOMS AND IMMEDIATE TREATMENT COULD SAVE A PERSON'S LIFE.

Avoidance of an allergen is the main way to prevent an allergic reaction.

Food Allergen(s): eating even a small amount of a certain food can cause a severe allergic reaction.

Food(s) to be avoided: _____

Safety measures: _____

Insect Stings: (Risk of insect stings is higher in warmer months. Avoid areas where stinging insects nest or congregate. Destroy or remove nests, cover or move trash cans, keep food indoors.)

Designated eating area inside school building _____

Safety measures: _____

Other information: _____

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES (DEALING WITH AN ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION)

ACT QUICKLY. THE FIRST SIGNS OF A REACTION CAN BE MILD, BUT SYMPTOMS CAN GET WORSE QUICKLY.

STEPS

1. Give epinephrine auto-injector (e.g. EpiPen®) at the first sign of a known or suspected anaphylactic reaction.
2. Call 9-1-1. Tell them someone is having a life-threatening allergic reaction.
3. Give a second dose of epinephrine as early as five (5) minutes after the first dose if there is no improvement in symptoms.
4. Follow direction of emergency personnel, including transport to hospital (ideally by ambulance), even if symptoms are mild or have stopped. The reaction could worsen or come back, even after treatment. Stay in the hospital for an appropriate period of observation as decided by the emergency department physician (generally about 4 - 6 hours).
5. Call emergency contact person; e.g. Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

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HEALTHCARE PROVIDER INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Healthcare provider may include: Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Certified Respiratory Educator, or Certified Asthma Educator.

Healthcare Provider's Name: _____

Profession/Role: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Special Instructions/Notes/Prescription Labels:

If medication is prescribed, please include dosage, frequency and method of administration, dates for which the authorization to provide the prescription applies, and possible side effects.

*This information may remain on file if there are no changes to the student's medical condition.

AUTHORIZATION/PLAN REVIEW

INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM THIS PLAN OF CARE (POC) IS TO BE SHARED:

Note: Only individuals involved in the daily/routine management require the entire Plan of Care. All others will receive Emergency Procedures Section only.

Please select one of the following:

DSBN Teaching and Support Staff, Niagara Student Transportation Services and food service providers.

Only those listed below: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Signature

Date: _____

Student: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Principal: _____

Signature

Date: _____