From The Desk of: The School Nurse
Re: Severe Allergies

Dear Parents,

According to our health records your child has a history of Severe Allergies. If your child requires medication to be available to them while at school for allergy treatment, please follow the directions below re: the attached Allergy Action Plan:

- Please have *your child's doctor* complete STEP 1 treatment and sign in the box at the bottom.
- Please complete Step 2 yourself and sign at the bottom

If your child uses an Epinephrine Auto-Injector and you would like him/her to **carry it with them** during school hours, then please fill out **"Authorization for Student Possession and Use of an Epinephrine Autoinjector"** and have your child's physician complete the bottom section. **Please Note: If you choose the self-carry option for your child, you must provide an additional Epi-Pen® to be kept in the clinic.**

If you would like a copy of the Westerville City Schools Resource Guide For Supporting Children with Life-Threatening Allergies, please let me know.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,
School Nurse

Ohio Department of Health

Authorization for Student Possession and Use of an Epinephrine Autoinjector

In accordance with ORC 3313.718/3313.141

A completed form must be provided to the school principal and/or nurse before the student may possess and use an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis in school.

Student name
Student address

This section must be completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.

As the Parent/Guardian of this student, I authorize my child to possess and use an epinephrine autoinjector, as prescribed, at the school and any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant. I understand that a school employee will immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider if this medication is administered. I will provide a backup dose of the medication to the school principal or nurse as required by law.

Parent /Guardian signature	Date
Parent/Guardian name	Parent/Guardian emergency telephone number ( )

This section must be completed and signed by the medication prescriber.

Name and dosage of medication	
Date medication administration begins	Date medication administration ends (if known)

Circumstances for use of the epinephrine autoinjector
Procedures for school employees if the student is unable to administer the medication or if it does not produce the expected relief

Possible severe adverse reactions:

To the student for which it is prescribed (that should be reported to the prescriber)
To a student for which it is ***not*** prescribed who receives a dose

Special instructions

As the prescriber, I have determined that this student is capable of possessing and using this autoinjector appropriately and have provided the student with training in the proper use of the autoinjector.

Prescriber signature	Date
Prescriber name	Prescriber emergency telephone number ( )

Developed in collaboration with the Ohio Association of School Nurses.

Allergy Action Plan

Name: _____ D.O.B: _____

Allergy to: _____

ght: _____lbs. Asthma: [ ] Yes (higher risk for a severe reaction) [ ] No

Place Student Picture Here

STEP 1 For a suspected or active allergic reaction:

FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

SEVERE SYMPTOMS

[ ] If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was definitely eaten or encountered, even if there are no symptoms

LUNG
Short of breath, wheezing, repetitive cough

HEART
Pale, blue, faint, weak pulse, dizzy

THROAT
Tight, hoarse, trouble breathing/ swallowing

MOUTH
Significant swelling of the tongue and/or lips

SKIN
Many hives over body, widespread redness

GUT
Repetitive vomiting or severe diarrhea

OTHER
Feeling something bad is about to happen, anxiety, confusion

OR A COMBINATION
of mild or severe symptoms from different body areas.

NOTE: Do not depend on antihistamines or inhalers (bronchodilators) to treat a severe reaction. Use Epinephrine.

1. **INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**
2. **Call 911.** Request ambulance with epinephrine.

- Consider giving additional medications (following or with the epinephrine):
  - » Antihistamine
  - » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if asthma
- Lay the student flat and raise legs. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.
- If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
- Alert emergency contacts.
- Transport student to ER even if symptoms resolve. Student should remain in ER for 4+ hours because symptoms may return.

NOTE: WHEN IN DOUBT, GIVE EPINEPHRINE.

MILD SYMPTOMS

[ ] If checked, give epinephrine immediately for ANY symptoms if the allergen was likely eaten or encountered.

NOSE
Itchy/runny nose, sneezing

MOUTH
Itchy mouth

SKIN
A few hives, mild itch

GUT
Mild nausea/discomfort

1. **GIVE ANTIHISTAMINES, IF ORDERED BY PHYSICIAN**
2. Stay with student; alert emergency contacts.
3. Watch student closely for changes. If symptoms worsen, **GIVE EPINEPHRINE.**

MEDICATIONS/DOSES

Epinephrine Brand: _____

Epinephrine Dose: [ ] 0.15 mg IM [ ] 0.3 mg IM

Antihistamine Brand or Generic: _____

Antihistamine Dose: _____

Other Medications: _____

PARENT AND PHYSICIAN SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR TREATMENT TO BE INITIATED

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor's Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor's Name, Address, Phone _____

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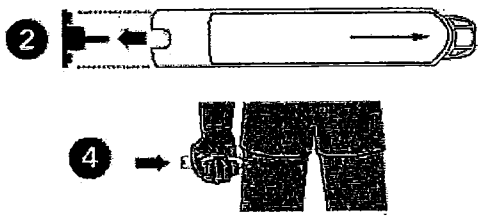
FOOD ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS EMERGENCY CARE PLAN

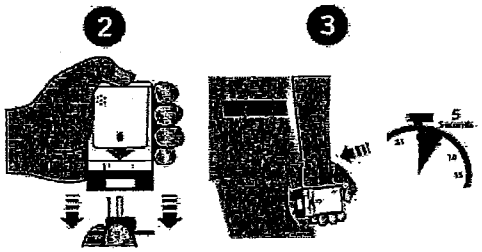
EPIPEN® (EPINEPHRINE) AUTO-INJECTOR DIRECTIONS

1. Remove the EpiPen Auto-Injector from the plastic carrying case.
2. Pull off the blue safety release cap.
3. Swing and firmly push orange tip against mid-outer thigh.
4. Hold for approximately 10 seconds.
5. Remove and massage the area for 10 seconds.



AUVI-Q™ (EPINEPHRINE INJECTION, USP) DIRECTIONS

1. Remove the outer case of Auvi-Q. This will automatically activate the voice instructions.
2. Pull off red safety guard.
3. Place black end against mid-outer thigh.
4. Press firmly and hold for 5 seconds.
5. Remove from thigh.



ADRENACLICK®/ADRENACLICK® GENERIC DIRECTIONS

1. Remove the outer case.
2. Remove grey caps labeled "1" and "2".
3. Place red rounded tip against mid-outer thigh.
4. Press down hard until needle penetrates.
5. Hold for 10 seconds. Remove from thigh.

STEP 2: EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NAME/RELATIONSHIP: **PHONE NUMBER:**

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