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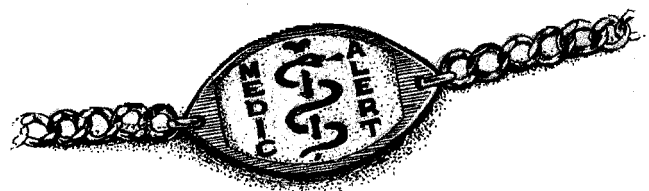
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- Provide all emergency medications needed. It is preferred that medications remain at the school. If this is not possible, parents are responsible for sending medications with the child each day.
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## You should also:

- Work with the staff and the Public Health Nurse to make sure that the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Plan meets your child's medical needs.
- Always tell the staff about any changes in your child's health or medical needs.
  - Teach your child about his/her allergy:
    - What things cause the allergy?
    - What things to stay away from.
    - How it feels when it starts. (e.g. watery eyes, scratchy throat)
    - When to tell an adult about the symptoms.
    - How to ask for help.
- If your child has a food allergy, teach her/him to never accept snacks or other food that was not sent from home.
- Have your child wear a Medical Alert bracelet or necklace.





Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

You have indicated to the school that your child \_\_\_\_\_ has been diagnosed as anaphylactic. The following information is a guide to assist you in gathering the information the school needs to develop and individual care plan for your child.

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- Assist in school initiatives for reducing risk to your child.
- Provide a list of foods or other allergens to avoid.
- Be willing to provide safe foods for special occasions.

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- Work with the staff and the PHN to make sure that the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Plan meets your child's medical needs.
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- Teach your child:
  - To recognize the first symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction.
  - Ensure your child knows where medication is kept, and who can get it.
  - To communicate clearly to school staff when he/she feels a reaction starting.
  - If child is mature enough, they should carry an injector in a fanny pack with them.
  - To cope with teasing and being left out.
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In order for the school to implement a specific plan to make the school as safe as practicable for your child, we have enclosed forms with this letter that we need you to complete and return to the school as soon as possible.

Please contact me here at the school if you have any questions. The best time to call me is on (days of week) at (give preferred times).

Sincerely,

Principal

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# ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENT EMERGENCY PROCEDURE PLAN

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
(Y/M/D)

Student's Picture (Optional)	<p><b>Physician to Complete:</b></p> <p>Physician Name: _____ Office Phone: _____</p> <p><b>This student has a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Peanut <input type="checkbox"/> Tree nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Sesame Seeds <input type="checkbox"/> Sea food <input type="checkbox"/> Egg <input type="checkbox"/> Milk <input type="checkbox"/> Medication: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insect Stings <input type="checkbox"/> Latex <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><b>This student is know to exhibit all or some of these signs and symptoms during an anaphylactic reaction:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Swelling (eyes, lips, face, tongue) <input type="checkbox"/> Coughing <input type="checkbox"/> Choking <input type="checkbox"/> Wheezing <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty Swallowing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Throat tightness <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach pain/cramps <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flushed face or body <input type="checkbox"/> Hives/rash <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness <input type="checkbox"/> Confusion <input type="checkbox"/> Pale/cool/clammy skin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weak pulse <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>
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<p><b>EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Administer epinephrine auto-injector</b> (e.g. EpiPen® or Twinject®) at the first sign of a reaction occurring in conjunction with a known or suspected contact with allergen.</li> <li><b>Call 9-1-1.</b> Request and ambulance for a person that is having a life-threatening allergic reaction. Stay on the phone until told to hang up by the 9-1-1 Operator.</li> <li><b>Have the person taken to the hospital by ambulance</b> even if the symptoms are mild or have stopped. Have a staff member accompany the student to the hospital in the ambulance.</li> <li><b>Contact the Parent/Guardian</b> and inform them of what has happened and what hospital the student was taken to.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Location of Spare Medication:</b></p> <p>The spare epinephrine auto-injector is stored in:</p> <p><b>Room:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Location within Room:</b></p> <p>_____</p>
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Additional information on this student's medical condition/emergency procedures:

Medication Name: _____ Dose: _____	Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____
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**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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Request for Administration of Medication Form on file: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Parent/Legal Guardian Initial: _____	Principal Initial: _____	Date to be reviewed: _____
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**Parent/Guardian Please Complete:**

- Discussed and reviewed Anaphylaxis Responsibility Checklist with principal? ..... yes  no
- Two auto-injectors provided for school use (if prescribed by physician)? ..... yes  no
- Student is capable of self-administration of auto-injector? ..... yes  no
- Student will keep one auto-injector on their person at all times? ..... yes  no

I acknowledge that the school will store the spare auto-injector in the following location:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that the school is not responsible for providing medical information or access to medication for childcare or other activities that may occur in or on the school property, but are not run by the School District. ... yes  no

Personal information on this form is collected by **LCS** for the purpose of providing emergency care for your child and for administering the anaphylaxis program. Personal information on this form is collected and will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

If you have any questions or concerns about the collection of your child's personal information, please contact the school Principal directly. By signing this form, you give consent to the Board of Education to disclose your child's personal information to:

- first aid attendants
- office staff
- teaching staff
- special education assistants
- itinerant staff working with student
- noon supervisor
- school bus driver(s)
- school bus dispatcher
- custodial staff
- volunteers who may have care and control of your child
- Others as follows \_\_\_\_\_

This consent is valid and in effect until it is revoked in writing by you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

**NOTE:** No medication will be administered until this form is completed and returned to the school.

**A. This section is to be completed by a parent or legal guardian.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescribing Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Medication Required**

<u>Name of Medication</u>	<u>Dosage</u>	<u>Directions for Use</u>	<u>Medical Condition</u>
1)			
2)			
3)			

**C. I request that staff administer medication as prescribed on this form to my child:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

- I agree to supply the medication to the school in the **original container** with my child's name and the pharmacist's direction for use, including dosage.
- If changes occur I will contact the school and provide revised written instructions from a physician or pharmacist. I am aware I am required to update this information each September or sooner if required.
- I am aware that the Public Health Nurse for the school will be informed of my child's condition and medication and that the nurse may contact me as necessary.
- I am aware that staff working with my child may need to know of my child's condition and of the medication required
- I hereby give permission for my child's medical condition and required medication to be shared with relevant staff as required. Upon request, the Principal will provide the names of staff members that have been informed of my child's condition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian