Food Allergy Action Plan

Place Child's Picture Here

Student's Name:_____**D.O.B:**_____**Teacher:**_____

ALLERGY TO:_____

Asthmatic Yes* ☐ No ☐ *Higher risk for severe reaction

◆ STEP 1: TREATMENT ◆

Symptoms:		**Give Checked Medication**:** **(To be determined by physician authorizing treatment)	
▪ If a food allergen has been ingested, but *no symptoms*:		☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Mouth	Itching, tingling, or swelling of lips, tongue, mouth	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Skin	Hives, itchy rash, swelling of the face or extremities	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Gut	Nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Throat†	Tightening of throat, hoarseness, hacking cough	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Lung†	Shortness of breath, repetitive coughing, wheezing	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Heart†	Weak or thready pulse, low blood pressure, fainting, pale, blueness	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ Other†	_____	☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine
▪ If reaction is progressing (several of the above areas affected), give:		☐ Epinephrine	☐ Antihistamine

†Potentially life-threatening. The severity of symptoms can quickly change.

DOSAGE

Epinephrine: inject intramuscularly (circle one) EpiPen® EpiPen® Jr. Twinject® 0.3 mg Twinject® 0.15 mg
(see reverse side for instructions)

Antihistamine: give_____
medication/dose/route

Other: give_____
medication/dose/route

IMPORTANT: Asthma inhalers and/or antihistamines cannot be depended on to replace epinephrine in anaphylaxis.

◆ STEP 2: EMERGENCY CALLS ◆

1. Call 911 (or Rescue Squad: _____). State that an allergic reaction has been treated, and additional epinephrine may be needed.

2. Dr. _____ Phone Number: _____

3. Parent_____ Phone Number(s) _____

4. Emergency contacts:
Name/Relationship Phone Number(s)

a. _____ 1.)_____ 2.) _____

b. _____ 1.)_____ 2.) _____

EVEN IF PARENT/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED, DO NOT HESITATE TO MEDICATE OR TAKE CHILD TO MEDICAL FACILITY!

Parent/Guardian's Signature_____ Date_____

Doctor's Signature_____ Date_____
(Required)

TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS

1. _____ Room _____

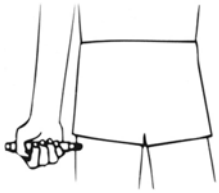
2. _____ Room _____

3. _____ Room _____

EpiPen® and EpiPen® Jr. Directions

- **Pull off gray activation cap.**

- **Hold black tip near outer thigh (always apply to thigh).**

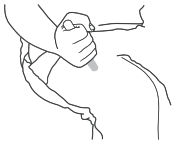


- **Swing and jab firmly into outer thigh until Auto-Injector mechanism functions. Hold in place and count to 10. Remove the EpiPen® unit and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.**

Twinject® 0.3 mg and Twinject® 0.15 mg Directions

- **Remove caps labeled "1" and "2."**

- **Place rounded tip against outer thigh, press down hard until needle penetrates. Hold for 10 seconds, then remove.**



<u>SECOND DOSE ADMINISTRATION</u>:
If symptoms don't improve after 10 minutes, administer second dose:

- **Unscrew rounded tip. Pull syringe from barrel by holding blue collar at needle base.**

- **Slide yellow collar off plunger.**

- **Put needle into thigh through skin, push plunger down all the way, and remove.**

Once EpiPen® or Twinject® is used, call the Rescue Squad. Take the used unit with you to the Emergency Room. Plan to stay for observation at the Emergency Room for at least 4 hours.

For children with multiple food allergies, consider providing separate Action Plans for different foods.

***Medication checklist adapted from the Authorization of Emergency Treatment form developed by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Used with permission.*

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