

Food Allergy School Safety Questions

Questions for Administrators

1. What policies and procedures are in place to keep kids with food allergies safe?
2. What information does the school need from me?
3. How will the school communicate food safety information and policies to other families?
4. How will food safety information be communicated to school staff members not directly working with my child, but who may be supervising my child at recess time/ library/gym etc.?
5. How will supply teachers be informed of my child's allergy?
6. Where will my child's epipens be kept? Will my child be allowed to carry an epipen?
7. How and when will staff be trained to use the epipen? May I attend the training or assist?
8. Will training be provided to all lunchtime supervisors including supply supervisors?

Questions for Classroom Teachers

1. What precautions will be taken at mealtimes to keep my child safe?
2. Will there be an adult present during mealtime for the entire break? (Very important for young children who may be unable to communicate distress or symptoms to adults. May not be realistic in older grades.)
3. How will the other children be informed? Can I suggest some resources/books?
4. Would you like me to review the use of the epipen with you?
5. What are the classroom rules around sharing food?
6. What will happen if other children bring in a lunch with my child's allergen?
7. What are the classroom expectations/routines around washing hands before mealtimes?
8. Are families allowed to bring in snacks/treats from home for class parties? Is it okay with you to send in an alternate treat for my child?