

Health and Safety Anaphylaxis Policy

to be reviewed 2019

Context

This school believes that the safety and wellbeing of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis is a whole-of-community responsibility.

The school is committed to-

- Providing a safe and healthy environment
- Raising awareness about allergies and anaphylaxis
- Actively involving parents of each child at risk to develop minimization strategies
- Ensure adequate training for all staff in line with DET accountability
- Facilitate effective communication to ensure the safety of students at risk.

Up to 2% of the general population is at risk- eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow milk, sesame, bee and other insect bites being the main triggers.

Purpose

To minimize the risk of an anaphylactic reaction through the development of knowledge, awareness and clear processes across our school community.

Implementation Strategies at the school level

- Any student at risk of anaphylaxis will have an Anaphylaxis Management Plan developed in consultation with the school and the student's parents/carers/doctor or a signed plan developed by the student's doctor
- Prevention strategies for both on site and off site situations will be developed
- A communication plan to raise staff, student and school community awareness about severe allergies and school processes.
- Regular training and updates for ALL school staff in recognizing and responding to an anaphylactic reaction in line with DET requirements. Annually/per semester and every 3 years.
- Risk assessment completed
- Medical Alert students be clearly identified for CRT staff

Parent Responsibilities

- Inform school on enrolment and continue to keep the school informed.
- Develop a plan with the school and doctor.
- Provide the school with a plan signed by the student's doctor.
- Assist staff by sharing information in a timely manner
- Provide the school with at least one auto injection device (date effective)
- Notify school of any changes to health status
- Comply with the procedure where a child cannot attend school without the supply of the auto injection device.
- To read and be familiar with this policy.

Outcomes

- Identification of students.
- Community awareness and understanding.
- Prevention strategies in place to minimize risk for individual students.
- School wide training and communication plan to minimize risk

Policy Review: Annually at the start of the new school year.

To be presented School Council , Tuesday , February , 2019

School Management Strategy for Anaphylaxis

School Data

There are 3 students identified as at risk re food allergens out of a population of 275.

Allergens

Egg/cows milk/milk solids and peanuts/cashews/pistachios

Reactions to date at school

None

EpiPen Storage

There is one EpiPen in the school located in the teacher workspace in Room 9-10. Top shelf, soft bag.

The EpiPen, provided by the student's parents, is labelled with the student's name. A Management Plan is located with the EpiPen.

Access to the EpiPen via the class teacher

A second epipen is located in the First Aid Room- top shelf- soft bag

EpiPen Expiry

A designated staff member (Tania Riddick) checks the Expiry date and condition (any cloudiness) of the EpiPen at the start of the school year and each term.

When the expiry date is due to lapse parents are contacted to organise a replacement.

No student may attend school without his or her epipen.

Staff Training

One 3 hour training block for all staff in January/February 2019

Semester briefing by Tania Riddick/Sue Gloury- Week 4, Term 3.

Management Plans

Each student has a Management Plan developed in consultation with the parents, the school and doctor.

Plans are distributed to the Class Teacher, Specialist Teacher, and copies are located in the General Office, First Aid area, Class CRT Folder and Staff Office

Written permission by parents will be sought for display of student photos and information in staff areas and other common areas across the school.

Parents are expected to notify the school if their child's condition changes and a review of the plan is required.

School Community Awareness

Annual Staff Training at the start of each school year.

Term update/overview provided by Julie Holt at the start of each term.

Information posters have been placed around the school- Staffroom, First Aid Area, Teacher Workspace in classrooms where students are located and Canteen.

The canteen has been briefed.

All CRTs will be alerted re any students with an anaphylaxis plan via the CRT folder.

A school resource folder has been established and is located in the First Aid area.

Community awareness is raised via the school newsletter at the start of each school year with follow ups each term and letters to all families of classmates where appropriate.

New prep parents are to be informed as part of the school's transition program. Parents asked to WRITE /attach an **"allergy alert"** to any order placed at the canteen. Yard Duty Folders have a list and photos of medical alert students.

Managing Anaphylaxis In Various Settings @ kfps and Beyond

- Class Parties/Food Events

Parents wishing to provide food to celebrate their child's birthday will need to liaise with the class teacher at least ONE WEEK prior to the event. An ingredient list will need to be provided.

Families of medical alert students will provide an appropriate alternative.

- Food Sharing

Our school implements a NO Food Sharing Policy. This is regularly reinforced via the school newsletter to all families.

- School Cooking Activities

Will need careful planning and management to minimise risk

Excursions/Out of School Events

- An explicit off site responsibility chart has been developed.

Post Incident Support & Review

The school recognises that a period of recovery time may be required for staff and students involved in or witnessing a situation requiring the use of the EpiPen.

Debrief and review of the process inc developing any modifications or improvements to be made.

NB. A copy of this policy will be provided to parents of a student who requires an Anaphylaxis Management Plan.

Resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/anaphylaxis

Phone 1300 307 415

RCH Anaphylaxis Advisory Support Line: 1300 725 911

RCH Department of Allergy: 9345 5701

www.rch.org.au