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Anaphylaxis (Severe Allergic Reaction) Policy

Background:

- *(Allergy and Anaphylaxis Overview)*
The incidence of severe allergic reactions has been rising at an alarming rate, especially with regard to food. Other common causes of anaphylaxis include allergies to latex, medications, and insect stings.

Pathophysiology and treatment:

- Anaphylaxis can affect almost any part of the body and cause various symptoms. The most dangerous symptoms include breathing difficulties and a drop in blood pressure or shock, which are potentially fatal.

Medications

- Epinephrine
- Antihistamines

Treatment of anaphylaxis is centered on treating the rapidly progressing effects of the histamine release in the body with epinephrine. The allergen should also be removed immediately.

Creating an Allergen-Safe School Environment

{Importance of Prevention}

- Protecting a student from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent life-threatening anaphylaxis.
- Avoidance of exposure to allergens is the key to preventing a reaction.
- The risk of exposure to allergens for a student is reduced when the school personnel, medical provider and parent/guardian work together to develop a management plan for the student.
- Educating the entire school community about life-threatening allergies is important in keeping students with life-threatening allergies safe.

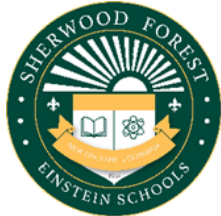
Identifying the School Team

- School Administration
- School Nurse
- Teachers
- Food Service Personnel
- Coaches, Athletic Directors, and After School Volunteers

Policy

In Accordance with Act No. 624 R.S. 17:436.1 subparagraph (J) (4) (a), a school nurse or trained designee may administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student the school nurse or trained designee assesses and believes is having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not the student has a prescription for epinephrine. The administration of epinephrine is given under a standing order by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

A supply of auto-injectable epinephrine is to be kept at the school in a locked, secure and easily accessible location. A licensed physician may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the school to be maintained for use when deemed necessary by the provisions in this policy and Act No. 624 R.S. 17:436.1.



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Action Steps for Anaphylaxis Management

- Providing necessary precautions and general training for staff in , classrooms and the cafeteria
- Training by licensed medical personnel/ registered professional nurses for at least two staff members in the recognition and emergency management of anaphylaxis
- Creating Individual Health Care Plans (!HP), Emergency Care Plans (ECP], 504 Plans, or Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) as indicated
- Having standing emergency medical protocols for nursing staff to administer epinephrine to a student the nurse has assessed and determined to be having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not the student has a prescription for epinephrine as indicated in Act no. 624 R.S. 17:436.1(K)
- Maintaining stock supplies of life saving emergency medications, specifically, EpiPens, in the nurse office for use in first time emergencies as allowed by Act no.624 R.S. I7:436. 1 (K)
- Following specific legal documents duly executed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in laws in Louisiana with medical orders regarding the care of specific students with severe life threatening conditions
- Assuring appropriate and reasonable building accommodations are in place within a reasonable degree of medical certainty

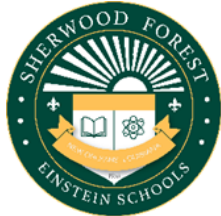
Addendum to Einstein Charter Schools Handbook

To comply with the recent state legislation of Act 624; to enact R.S. 17:436.1(K), Einstein Charter Schools will follow the following guidelines:

The Act No. 624 concerns students with an identified severe allergy to food, insect stings, latex, and/or unknown allergens, in addition to any student who may have not yet had an identified allergy or condition which puts him or her at risk to experience an unexpected response that is a potential risk for a life-threatening reaction (anaphylaxis) to an allergen.

Guidelines include:

- Education and Training for school staff on the management of students with life-threatening, severe allergies, including training related to the administration of epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen).
- Auto-injectable epinephrine will be maintained by the school in a secure, locked and easily accessible location. The EpiPens will be prescribed by a licensed physician in the name of Einstein Charter School to be used in emergency situations as determined by the school nurse or trained designee.
- The student will be assessed by the school nurse or trained designee and if he/she believes the student is having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not this student has a prescription for epinephrine, epinephrine will be administered under a standing order from a licensed physician.



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This new legislation does not take the place of existing protocols for medication administration at school. Parents must continue to comply with notification to school nurses and maintain active medication orders from students' primary physicians.

The School Nurse must be notified of all your child's previously known and/or any newly discovered allergies. Each school year please continue to indicate allergies on your students' Health Information form during registration, and plan to meet with the School Nurse to discuss further.