Anaphylaxis Policy

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock. The allergy may be related to food, insect stings, medicine, latex, nuts, etc. The purpose of the policy is to provide an outline for prevention and care for a student with a known anaphylactic response.

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If a medical alert, life-threatening or severe medical condition, is noted upon student application, the parent is asked to complete an LG Medical Planning Form in Encom.

For Parent Accompanied Events: The school expects the parent to assume responsibility for carrying the epi-pen and administering it if needed.

For drop-off events:

- We require a Permission to Administer Medicine form (updated annually)
- Parent provides Epi-pen onsite
  - Stored appropriately with Teacher/ supervisor access and kept nearby
  - All those in care of the student throughout the day are provided with a copy of the Medical Planning.

> If Anaphylaxis response is suspected, please proceed with Emergency Anaphylaxis procedures. When a condition is present with multiple symptoms, it is best to err on the side of caution.

- Annual online or in-person Allergy Aware training is required as applicable.
  - review signs and symptoms
  - common allergens
  - avoidance strategies
  - How to use/administer epinephrine auto-injector
  - Discussions to raise team and participant awareness
  - Annual refresher required
  - if trained personnel are not present at an event and an anaphylaxis medical alert is noted on the application form, parent accompaniment is required
  - Your local school nurse is also a valuable resource and may provide practical training as needed
    - Free anaphylaxis training, video/quiz/certificate Allergy Aware Website
    - Video on How to Use an Epi-Pen
- An allergic response is immediately treated with epi-pen, not Benadryl

- 911 is called
- Parents are to be notified
- Administer a 2nd dose of epinephrine in 5-15 minutes IF a 2nd dose is available and the reaction continues.
- An HCOS representative will accompany the student to hospital while awaiting parent arrival
- An HCOS representative will call the LG RA and/ or Department Head and complete the Accident Report Form.
- The Department Head will follow up with the family and the coordinator to consider future care considerations.
- Student information will be shared with the Support Teacher and noted within Encom for future reference.

> For students experiencing difficulty breathing and who are diagnosed with Anaphylaxis and Asthma, it is important to administer both medications prescribed, epinephrine first, followed by the inhaler and continue with emergency protocols.

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