



Howell Township Public Schools

PROUD OF OUR SCHOOLS CONCERNED FOR OUR CHILDREN

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New Jersey Department of Education has implemented NJ Public Law 2007, Chapter 57. This law includes specific language pertaining to the administration of epinephrine to students. Any student whose physician orders epinephrine for anaphylaxis shall be offered a volunteer, non-medical designee to administer epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism when the school nurse is unavailable. This also pertains to those students who are capable of and have self-medication orders.

Please review the enclosed forms and discuss them with your child's physician. All completed forms should be returned to your child's school nurse.

Pre-filled auto-injector mechanism(s) are to be supplied to the school nurse in a properly labeled container, with the child's name, dosage, etc., on the pharmacist's label. If you are requesting a designee, a minimum of two injectors are required. Also, please notify the school nurse in writing of any school sponsored activities in which your child will be participating so that plans can be made for his/her safety.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Callander

Patricia Callander
Assistant Superintendent/Pupil Services

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Enclosures: Parent Request/Refusal for Pre-filled Auto-Injector Mechanism
Administration When Nurse is Unavailable/Hold Harmless
Medication Order Sheets (2)
Self-Medication Order Sheet (2)
Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan
Bus Transport Emergency Medical Plan
Individualized Emergency HealthCare Plan



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Parent Request for Pre-filled Auto-Injector Mechanism (EpiPen) Administration When Nurse is Unavailable

Student's Name _____ School _____

I give permission for a trained, delegated, nonmedical person (delegate) to administer epinephrine via pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to my child when needed and a nurse is not present. My child is allergic to _____.
I understand that when epinephrine is administered to my child, 911 will be called and EMS will transport my child to the hospital.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Howell Township Board of Education and its employees/agents from any and all losses, claims, injuries, damages or expenses arising out of, or connected with, the administration of medication by a delegate.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent Refusal for Pre-filled Auto-Injector Mechanism (EpiPen) Administration When Nurse is Unavailable

I waive my right to have a delegate administer prescribed epinephrine via pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to my child in the event of an exposure to a known life threatening allergen when a nurse is not present. I understand that 911 will be called immediately.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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Any dangerous condition being experienced by a child on medication should be spelled out in detail with procedures to follow should a reaction occur. **Medicine must be properly labeled and in the original container, with the child's name, dosage, etc., on the pharmacist's label. The parent/guardian must transport all medication to and from school, unless a child has a doctor's signed permission to self-medicate and therefore carry an emergency medication (inhaler, pre-filled auto-injector mechanism).**

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Assistant Superintendent/Pupil Services

Request for Administration of Medication

Student _____ Homeroom _____ Date _____

Diagnosis _____

Name of Medication _____ Dosage _____ Time of Administration _____

Daily or PRN: _____ to be given _____ minutes before physical education or recess

To begin on _____ and conclude on _____

Possible side effects to be observed: _____

Special Instructions _____

Is this medication needed during field trips? Yes _____ No _____

Is this medication to be given on early dismissal day? Yes _____ No _____

Is child on any other medication? _____

Physician's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

School Physician's Approval _____

Signature of Principal/Approval

PLEASE NOTE: If your child has permission from their physician to self-medicate with an emergency medication such as an asthma inhaler or a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism, please obtain the self-medication order form from your school nurse or download it from the district website.



Physician's Stamp



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*******Part I – To be completed by physician*******

The student named below has a potentially life-threatening condition. This student has been instructed in the proper method of self-medication for this condition and is capable and responsible to self-administer.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Potentially Life-Threatening Diagnosis: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Additional Instructions: _____

Side Effects: _____

Physician's Name (please print): _____ Telephone: _____

Physician's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Physician's Stamp

*******Part II – To be completed by parent/legal guardian*******

I, as parent/guardian of _____, request the Howell Township Board of Education to permit my child to carry and self-administer the emergency medication as prescribed above by their physician. My child understands the proper use of this medication and will be responsible for it. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Howell Township Board of Education and its employees/agents from any and all losses, claims, injuries, damages or expenses arising from the self-administration of medication.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

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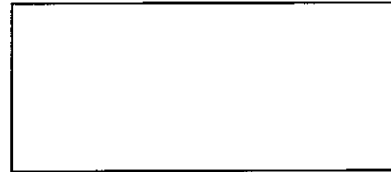
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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

School Physician _____ Principal _____



Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Allergy to: _____

Weight: _____ lbs. Asthma: Yes (higher risk for a severe reaction) No

PLACE
PICTURE
HERE

NOTE: Do not depend on antihistamines or inhalers (bronchodilators) to treat a severe reaction. USE EPINEPHRINE.

Extremely reactive to the following allergens: _____

THEREFORE:

If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was **LIKELY** eaten, for **ANY** symptoms.

If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was **DEFINITELY** eaten, even if no symptoms are apparent.

FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: SEVERE SYMPTOMS



LUNG

Short of breath,
wheezing,
repetitive cough



HEART

Pale, blue,
faint, weak
pulse, dizzy



THROAT

Tight, hoarse,
trouble
breathing/
swallowing



MOUTH

Significant
swelling of the
tongue and/or lips



SKIN

Many hives over
body, widespread
redness



GUT

Repetitive
vomiting, severe
diarrhea



OTHER

Feeling
something bad is
about to happen,
anxiety, confusion

**OR A
COMBINATION**
of symptoms
from different
body areas.



- 1. INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**
- 2. Call 911.** Tell emergency dispatcher the person is having anaphylaxis and may need epinephrine when emergency responders arrive.
 - Consider giving additional medications following epinephrine:
 - » Antihistamine
 - » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if wheezing
 - Lay the person flat, raise legs and keep warm. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.
 - If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
 - Alert emergency contacts.
 - Transport patient to ER, even if symptoms resolve. Patient should remain in ER for at least 4 hours because symptoms may return.

MILD SYMPTOMS



NOSE

Itchy/runny
nose,
sneezing



MOUTH

Itchy mouth



SKIN

A few hives,
mild itch



GUT

Mild nausea/
discomfort

**FOR MILD SYMPTOMS FROM MORE THAN ONE
SYSTEM AREA, GIVE EPINEPHRINE.**

**FOR MILD SYMPTOMS FROM A SINGLE SYSTEM
AREA, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:**

1. Antihistamines may be given, if ordered by a healthcare provider.
2. Stay with the person; alert emergency contacts.
3. Watch closely for changes. If symptoms worsen, give epinephrine.

MEDICATIONS/DOSES

Epinephrine Brand or Generic: _____

Epinephrine Dose: 0.15 mg IM 0.3 mg IM

Antihistamine Brand or Generic: _____

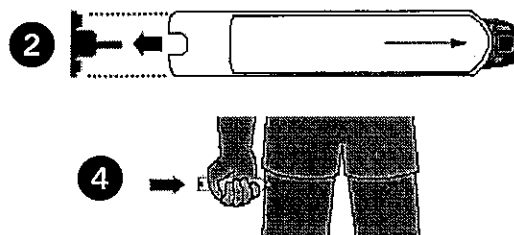
Antihistamine Dose: _____

Other (e.g., inhaler-bronchodilator if wheezing): _____



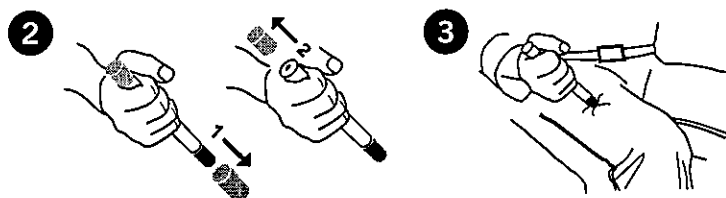
EPIPEN® AUTO-INJECTOR DIRECTIONS

1. Remove the EpiPen Auto-Injector from the clear carrier tube.
2. Remove the blue safety release by pulling straight up without bending or twisting it.
3. Swing and firmly push orange tip against mid-outer thigh until it 'clicks'.
4. Hold firmly in place for 3 seconds (count slowly 1, 2, 3).
5. Remove auto-injector from the thigh and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.



ADRENACLICK® (EPINEPHRINE INJECTION, USP) AUTO-INJECTOR DIRECTIONS

1. Remove the outer case.
2. Remove grey caps labeled "1" and "2".
3. Place red rounded tip against mid-outer thigh.
4. Press down hard until needle enters thigh.
5. Hold in place for 10 seconds. Remove from thigh.



ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR ALL AUTO-INJECTORS:

1. Do not put your thumb, fingers or hand over the tip of the auto-injector or inject into any body part other than mid-outer thigh. In case of accidental injection, go immediately to the nearest emergency room.
2. If administering to a young child, hold their leg firmly in place before and during injection to prevent injuries.
3. Epinephrine can be injected through clothing if needed.
4. Call 911 immediately after injection.

OTHER DIRECTIONS/INFORMATION (may self-carry epinephrine, may self-administer epinephrine, etc.):

Treat the person before calling emergency contacts. The first signs of a reaction can be mild, but symptoms can worsen quickly.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS — CALL 911

RESCUE SQUAD: _____

DOCTOR: _____ PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NAME/RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME/RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____



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BUS TRANSPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLAN

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ROUTE #: _____

1. _____ has a history of severe allergy to _____

2. It can be so severe that **"anaphylaxis"** can occur.

Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe allergic response that occurs when a person is exposed to an allergy-causing substance. It is brought on when the allergen enters the bloodstream, causing the release of chemicals throughout the body that try to protect it from the foreign substance.

3. Signs and symptoms of **"anaphylaxis"** include hives or rash, swelling of face and/or extremities, tingling of lips and mouth, a feeling of fullness in the throat, flushing of face or body, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, increased heart rate, low blood pressure, fainting. Coma, respiratory and cardiac arrest can also occur.

4. If _____ shows any of the symptoms of anaphylaxis noted above:

- A. Radio for help. Ask for 911 emergency response to meet you at your location. Tell the dispatcher: "I am transporting a _____ year old child with a history of severe _____ allergy resulting in anaphylaxis. His/her symptoms are....."
- B. Stay with the child, speak calmly, reassure him/her that people are coming to help.
- C. When _____ is to be transported to the hospital, send this form with emergency telephone numbers with him/her.
- D. Make sure that your bus company contacts the parents and the school to explain the reaction and to which hospital the child has been transported.
- E. Fill out the attached accident/incident report, make a copy for your files, and drop the completed form off at school.
- F. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at _____. Also, please keep in close communication with me throughout the year with any changes that may occur with the bus run as the year progresses.

5. The student will be seated at the front of the bus to the right of the bus driver. _____
Accept Decline

Certified School Nurse

Date

Bus Driver

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

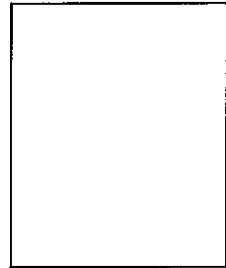
Date

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No: _____

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDIVIDUALIZED EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE PLAN for STUDENTS
WITH SEVERE ALLERGIES**



Student: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____
Severe allergy to: _____
 Birthdate: _____ Physician: _____ Phone#: _____
 Preferred hospital in case of emergency: _____
 Epinephrine delegate(s): Yes ___ No: ___
 Name of delegate(s): _____
 Location of Epinephrine: **Main Office/ Health Office/ Student Carries**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent /Guardian:	Home Phone: _____
1. _____	Work: _____
	Cell: _____
2. _____	Work: _____
	Cell: _____
Emergency Contact:	Home Phone: _____
	Work: _____
	Cell: _____

Previous Reaction: _____

STUDENT -SPECIFIC EMERGENCIES

<i>If you see any of these signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction</i>	<i>Do This</i>
Mouth- Itching & swelling of lips, tongue, or mouth	1. If student presents with any of these signs or symptoms, notify nurse immediately@ _____ and Main Office @ _____. If nurse is unavailable, call 911 immediately and contact delegate if indicated above.*
Throat- Itching and/or a sense of tightness in the throat, hoarseness, and hacking cough, choking	2. Student has order for _____ mg Benadryl: Yes ___ No ___ Student carries Benadryl: Yes ___ No ___ Benadryl kept in Health Office: Yes ___ No ___ Student may self administer epinephrine: Yes ___ No ___ Epinephrine _____ mg to be administered Dose may be repeated: Yes ___ No ___
Skin- Hives, itchy rash, and/or swelling about the face or extremities, flushed face	3. Note and Record: Time of Incident: _____ Time of Administration of Epinephrine and site: _____ Circumstances (where and what was the allergen): _____ Contact parent. Remain with student.
Gut- Nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, and/or diarrhea	4. Student must be transported to hospital if epinephrine is administered.
Lung- Shortness of breath, repetitive coughing, and/or wheezing	
Heart- "Thready" pulse, "passing-out", rapid heart rate	*For After School Activities Activate EMS 911. Notify administrator or site supervisor who will contact delegate if in building.
Other- Dizziness, unsteadiness, sudden fatigue, chills, loss of Consciousness	*Parent to notify nurse if student is staying after school.

If an emergency occurs:

1. If the emergency is life-threatening, immediately call 9-1-1 and request Advanced Life Support. .
2. Stay with student or designate another adult to do so.
3. Call or designate someone to call the principal and/or the school nurse.

State who you are, where you are and the problem.

School Nurse: _____ Phone: _____
 Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Copy to: _____