

MSAD #72 PROTOCOL - EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF EPI PENS

Our school district currently provides training for unlicensed staff in the administration of an Epi Pen for students who have a known diagnosis of a life threatening allergy that could cause an anaphylactic reaction. These students provide the school with their prescribed Epi Pen and have an emergency plan. The law also allows students who may require an Epi Pen administration for a life threatening allergy reaction to carry their own Epi Pen as long as they have signed a CONTRACT provided by the school nurse.

The Maine legislature recently passed public law PL 2013 Chapter 526 that allows school districts to train unlicensed personnel in the administration of Epi Pens to students who do not have a known diagnosis but experience a life threatening allergic reaction to a food, insect, or other allergen for the first time at school or a school sponsored event. The MSAD #72 school board has chosen to implement this guideline to help keep students safe. A life threatening allergic reaction is very scary and can happen very quickly and the administration of an Epi Pen while waiting for EMS saves lives.

The MSAD #72 Epi Pen Guideline for the Unknown Life Threatening Allergic Reaction includes:

1. Our school physician will prescribe for Epi Pens for the person who does not have a known diagnosis but may experience a life threatening allergic reaction for each school; sign standing orders for the unknown life threatening allergic reaction; sign an Epinephrine Auto Injector Collaborative Practice Agreement.
2. The Power Point Epi Pen Training will be available for interested staff and will include all necessary district guidelines and protocols required under public law PL 2013 Chapter 526; upon completion of the power point training the staff person will submit their completed post-test to the school nurse; a current list of staff trained to administer an Epi Pen to a person with an unknown life threatening allergic reaction will be kept with the Epi Pens for the unknown at each school; the district emergency plan, list of signs & symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction and reporting forms will also be kept with the Epi Pens; these Epi Pens will be kept in a secure but unlocked location in each school.
3. The school nurse will provide information annually about public law PL 2013 Chapter 526 and how interested staff can be trained through school newsletters and district news; information will also be available on the school nurse website.

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