

Administering Epinephrine

1. Auto-injectable epinephrine is to be administered once a student is determined by the school nurse or designee to be or perceived to be in anaphylaxis. If administered by the designee the school nurse should be notified if available.
2. Subsequent to the time of administration of epinephrine, emergency medical services (EMS) must be contacted by dialing 911 as soon as possible.
3. Upon arrival of EMS the medical care of the student will be transferred to EMS personnel.
4. Following the use of auto-injectable epinephrine the incident will be thoroughly documented in the student's health room records.
5. Each incident at the school or at a related school event that requires the use of auto-injectable epinephrine shall be reported to MSDE.

Training of Designee

All persons acting as a designee shall receive:

1. Training in the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis
2. Training in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine (EpiPen)
3. Training in follow-up emergency procedures
4. Training in how to document the administration of the epinephrine
5. Training in how to gain access to auto-injectable epinephrine when needed and how to store/secure the epinephrine when not in use.

Immunity of the personnel who administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student at school is covered in Education Article §7-426.1. There is a specific immunity clause for an employee who responds in good faith to an anaphylactic reaction of a child.

Purchase and Storage of Epinephrine

1. All auto-injectable epinephrine used in the schools for the purpose of this policy will be obtained by the Health Officer of the Allegany County Health Department.
2. Epinephrine will be stored by the school health nurse/designee at each school in a locked cabinet when not in use.
3. Procedures will be established at each school for designees to have access to the epinephrine when needed.

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