

Office of the School Nurse
STANDING ORDER FOR USE OF EPI-PEN OR ANA-KIT

In the absence of a medical director of DoDEA schools, I _____

authorize the following nursing protocol to address anaphylaxis at the following location:

Anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction that may be triggered by asthma, an insect bite, a drug allergy, or a food allergy. In the event of anaphylaxis, the Epi-Pen will be used for students enrolled in grades pre-school through twelve. The following procedure should be followed by a school nurse or designated non-professional first-aid provider trained by a licensed registered school nurse.

School nurses are authorized, when they encounter a student with a systemic reaction believed to be anaphylaxis, to administer subcutaneous epinephrine, even if this drug has not been previously prescribed for this student.

SYMPTOMS:

Mild	Rash – Itching – Hives
Moderate	Breathing difficulty – Wheezing
Severe	Severe breathing
Difficulty	Vascular collapse
Anaphylaxis	Laryngeal swelling – cardiac arrest

DOSAGE MUST BE CHECKED before administration according to the schedule below:

When using the EPI-PEN JR. / EPI-PEN:

0.15 Mg. For Children 30 Kg. Or Less (Epi-Pen Jr.)

0.3 Mg. For Children Greater than 30 Kg. (Epi-Pen)

Immediately contact the emergency response system for your area. Parent/guardian should be notified. If prior to reaching medical care, the child has not responded to the first dose of epinephrine or respiratory / cardiovascular status seems to be deteriorating, a second dose of epinephrine may be given after 15-20 minutes.

IF IN DOUBT TREAT FOR ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION

Physician

Date

This standing order is valid for one school year