

Allergic Reactions

The Marple Newtown School District is committed to the well-being of all District students and recognizes the life-threatening nature of some of our students' allergies. If your child has a life threatening insect, food or medication allergy, please alert the school nurse. The nurse will ask you to have your child's physician complete and sign an Emergency Allergy Plan. Copies can be found online or at the Nurse's office in your child's building. Return this plan to the school nurse in your child's building as soon as possible. The proper information will then be distributed on a need to know basis.

As partners with the school in providing a safe environment for your child, you are responsible to:

- Provide the completed Emergency Allergy Plan signed by your physician as described above. This document must be renewed and updated annually.
- Provide properly labeled medications and replace medications after use or upon expiration.
- Continue to educate your child about their allergy, including:
 - Strategies for avoiding exposure to the allergen
 - Symptoms of allergic reactions
 - How and when to tell an adult he/she may be having an allergy-related problem
- Review your child's allergy and emergency plan with your school nurse, bus drivers and before/after school personnel such as child care coaches, and club sponsors.
- Call the food service director if you have questions about the school menu.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to meet with your school nurse please call the office at your child's school.

Please remember to contact your school nurse at any time during the school year if you child's medical status changes.