

ANAPHYLAXIS ALLERGY MANAGEMENT PREVENTION PLAN FOR
COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death. Allergic reactions to foods have become the most common cause of anaphylaxis in community health settings. Severe and potentially life-threatening reactions can occur in schools when children with no previous diagnosis of food allergies when they are exposed to allergens at school and have an initial anaphylactic event.

POLICY: It is the policy of Covington County Schools that an Anaphylaxis Preparedness Program be implemented as part of the school health services.

The program shall incorporate three levels of preparedness:

Level 1-Primary prevention: Education programs that address food allergies and anaphylaxis through both classroom and individual instruction for staff and students.

Level 2-Secondary prevention: Identification and management of chronic illness which could lead to anaphylaxis. Parents are to complete a Health Assessment Record and provide up-to-date medical information yearly. Any allergy and triggers should be documented and signed by a licensed medical prescriber.

Level 3-Tertiary prevention: The development of a planned response to anaphylaxis-related emergency in the school setting. Covington County Schools will not stock Epi-Pens. Trained employees may administer Epi-Pens only to those students that have provided a prescribed Epi-Pen to the school along with a signed PPA form from the licensed medical provider.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ANAPHYLAXIS-RELATED EMERGENCY-CALL 911 AND PROVIDE EMERGENT CARE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

References:

Alabama State Law Act#2014-405, HB156
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