

Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up care by an allergist/immunologist.

ESD program staff working with program participants with known anaphylaxis will be informed and aware of life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to respond to the resulting medical emergencies. For children and youth, some common life threatening allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, bee or other insect stings, latex and some medications. Affected children and youth attending ESD programs require planned care and support during program hours.

Parents/guardians are responsible for informing the ESD about their child's potential risk for anaphylaxis and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies. The ESD will take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected children and youth. Training specific to the child or youth with anaphylaxis will be provided for appropriate personnel.

Even with the ESD's best efforts, staff and parents/guardians need to be aware that it is not possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment. However, the ESD will take precautions to reduce the risk of a child or youth having an anaphylactic reaction by developing strategies to minimize the presence of allergens in its program locations.

Legal References:

*WAC 392-380 Public School Pupils – Immunization Requirement and Life-Threatening Health Condition
RCW 28A.210.383 Anaphylaxis – Policy guidelines – Procedures – Reports.*

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