

Deerfield Academy Health and Wellness Center

Policy Regarding Students with History of Anaphylaxis

Deerfield Academy and its Health Center wish to be a resource for students with severe allergies that potentially result in anaphylaxis. In order to minimize the risk of anaphylaxis Deerfield has the following policy:

- Epinephrine auto-injectors will be located at designated sites throughout campus including the Health Center and Dining Hall. Full list may be obtained through Security.
- During the fall term, all students prescribed an epinephrine auto-injector by their home medical provider will meet with either the School Physician or Nurse Practitioner to review their medical history and Allergy Action Plan.
- At the beginning of the academic year, a list of students with a history of anaphylaxis secondary to food allergies is compiled by the Health Center and shared with the Dining Hall Director so that reasonable attempts can be made to label foods containing these allergens. This list is resubmitted to the Dining Hall during the school year when the Health Center is made aware of a new significant allergy.
- If a student with a history of anaphylaxis presents to the Health Center with allergic symptoms they are managed in accordance with the Health Center's standing orders for anaphylaxis which includes clinical evaluation and intervention, reviewing the student's Allergy Action Plan, contacting the School Physician or Nurse Practitioner on call immediately and informing the parents as soon as possible.
- If an epinephrine auto injector is administered, per Massachusetts state regulations (CMR 210.100) emergency services (911) will be contacted and the student will be transported to a local emergency room for observation and treatment
- For each episode of anaphylaxis on campus, an Anaphylaxis Incident Report is completed by Health Center staff which includes the student's presentation, medical intervention and an evaluation of how to minimize future exposures and risk.

Parents/guardians are required to:

- include on the submitted Deerfield Academy Health forms all their child's allergies;
- submit an Allergy Action Plan from their home physician if there is a history of anaphylaxis;
- send their child to campus with an epinephrine auto-injector that is not expired;
- ensure their child knows how to and can self-administer the epinephrine auto-injector.

Students prescribed an epinephrine auto-injector are required to carry it at **ALL TIMES** including school-sponsored trips off-campus. They should inform their resident Faculty about their allergy at the beginning of the year and let them know where their epinephrine auto-injector is located.

I, _____, Deerfield Academy Parent / Guardian, hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed Deerfield Academy's the above policy with my child and I agree to comply with the policy as stated. **I also give permission for epinephrine to be self-administered by my child or administered by faculty or staff as needed.**

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____