



Allergy Awareness at Coalhurst Elementary School

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Coalhurst Elementary staff strive to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff by being **allergy aware**. We create flexible plans for each person with allergies, and adjust rules depending on needs. We do not have a school-wide ban on any products but may have classroom bans in place.

Parents

- Fill out a **Medical Alert Form** if your child has severe allergies.
- Share avoidance strategies and emergency plans with the school.

Role of Principal

- Review school-wide allergy procedures with all staff including the profiles of all students with allergies.
 - Communicate the emergency protocol to staff for all students with allergies.
 - Communicate our school plan to stakeholders. This plan may include classroom bans on products, school-wide or classroom allergen safe zones, handwashing guidelines, and cleaning guidelines. Consideration will also be given to the strategic placement of students in homerooms so risk of anaphylaxis is reduced (ie. students with pet allergies not placed in the same classroom as students with guide dogs).
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Teachers

- Review and understand the Medical Alert Forms of all students under their care.
 - Where applicable, ensure that there is an appropriate plan in place to address emergency situations.
 - Develop a plan for communicating allergen awareness to all parents and students in the classroom being mindful of the right to privacy.
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All Staff

- Know how to use an **EpiPen**.
 - Know where to find EpiPens quickly.
 - Help during emergencies – protected by the Alberta Emergency Medical Aid Act.
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Students with Allergies

- Learn how to manage your own allergies.
 - Take more responsibility as you grow, with your family's support.
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In an Emergency

1. Use an EpiPen right away, if needed.
2. Call **911**, call parents.
3. Stay with the person until help arrives.