

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION

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.

The Ocosta Board of Directors expects school administrators, teachers and support staff to be informed and aware of life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to deal with the resulting medical emergencies. For staff, some common life threatening allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, oranges/grapefruit/citrus (even those found in cleaning products and scents/oils), fish, bee or other insect stings, perfume, cinnamon, bananas, strawberries, latex and some medications. Specifically, please be considerate and refrain from using oranges/grapefruit/citrus (including those found in cleaning products and scents/oils) and latex at school if possible. Please contact the principal *immediately* if any of these items are delivered or discovered at the school district.

Even with the district's best efforts, staff need to be aware that it is not possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment. However, the district will take precautions to reduce the risk of a staff member having an anaphylactic reaction by developing strategies to minimize the presence of allergens in schools.