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436 – MANAGING STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL ALERT/ANAPHYLAXIS CONDITIONS

Introduction

The Board of Education has an obligation to provide for students who may require emergency care while at school. These students are commonly referred to as students with Medical Alert conditions. Their conditions are physician diagnosed and potentially life threatening. Students may require planned care and support inside as well as outside the school building (e.g. field trips) which includes Medical information collected on registration forms and, where applicable, the Medical Alert Planning Form. Reported medical conditions may include:

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Anaphylaxis and/or history of severe allergic response
- Severe Asthma immediate medical treatment required
- Blood clotting disorders such as haemophilia that require immediate medical care in the event of injury
- Serious heart conditions
- Other conditions which may require emergency care as determined in consultation with parent/student/family physician, school, and Medical Health Officer or designate.

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The guidelines below outline the responsibility, roles, and processes whereby any medical emergencies that occur during school hours or after school hours activities may be handled in an optimal manner.

The responsibility for the safety, health and well-being of students is a joint responsibility of parents, school personnel, students and Public Health Nurses. Each, however, has different roles and responsibilities.

Within this context:

1. The parents/guardians have primary responsibility for communicating information about serious medical conditions of their child to school personnel and the Public Health Nurse; completing the "Medical Alert Planning Form"; assuring that the prescribed medication, etc. is available to the school as required by School District No. 23 policy; and informing school personnel immediately of any changes taking place in the health of the student.



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- 2. The Principal and the school staff have responsibility for ensuring the safety and well-being of students during school hours and during after-school activities organized by the school; collecting information from parents/guardians related to students with serious health conditions; providing a supportive environment for students with serious health conditions so they can participate in activities leading toward the goals of schooling; and working with the Public Health Nurses in their role of supporting the health of students with medical conditions.
- 3. Students have the responsibility to follow all health and school guidelines for their condition; keep their parents and personal health professionals informed of any concerns related to their condition; and to inform school personnel immediately in the event of any medical or health crisis.
- 4. The Public Health Nurse has responsibility for supporting the health of those students who may be medically at risk so they can participate in the school activities successfully. This responsibility includes reviewing the "Medical Alert Planning Forms", including the Emergency Plans provided by parents/guardians; clarifying the needs of these students through communication with parents; preparing information required by the Principal and school staff to support these students; and co-ordinating training to school personnel involved with these students.

The specific guidelines for the management and overseeing of this process are detailed in Regulations 436.

Students with life threatening medical conditions will be accommodated in accordance with this Policy and Regulations 436, and with Board Policy 435 "Medical Treatment of Students" and Regulations 435.

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ROLES:

The Parents/Guardians will:

NOTE:

- □ In the case of **senior secondary students**, some of the parent/guardian role may be assumed by the student him/herself.
- □ Students may not update medical data if parents have registered conflicting information.
- a) Provide the school with accurate and timely information about their child's Medical Alert condition, both at the time of registration and at any time there is a change in the student's condition or care.
- b) In cases of life threatening conditions, an emergency plan is necessary. Complete the "Medical Alert Planning Form" in these cases. Parents whose children require medication at school must complete the "Request for Medication Administration at School Form". Consultation with the child's physician may be needed for the Planning form and is required for the Medication form. Return completed forms to the school at the beginning of each school year or provide written documentation that there is "no change" to either form from the previous year.
- c) When necessary, consult with the Public Health Nurse on the training of appropriate school personnel once the Medical Alert plan has been returned by the parent/guardian. According to the Anaphylaxis Training Information, the training should be provided by:
 - Public Health Nurse
 - Allergy/Asthma Information Association
 - Anaphylaxis Canada
 - Occupational Health & Safety staff member trained in this area



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- d) Review and update the "Medical Alert Planning Form" at minimum annually at the beginning of the school year, upon registration, or if the Medical Alert condition changes at any time throughout the school year.
 - Note on the Medical Alert planning form if the student is a registered bus rider (eligible or courtesy).
- e) If medication is or may be needed by the student and administered by school personnel during school hours, meet with the physician to complete a "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" for new prescriptions or if a prescription is changed. A duplicate pharmacy label may be attached to the form in Section B in place of a signature from the physician.
- f) Arrange that the physician completes the "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" annually in preparation for school opening in September if medication that requires school personnel administration is or may be needed by the student during school hours. NOTE: This is for new medical alert conditions or changes to medication. As in (e) a duplicate pharmacy label may be attached to the form in Section B in place of a signature from the physician.
- g) Ensure medication is available at the school in the original labelled container, with appropriate measuring spoon and is replaced when outdated/expired.
- h) Provide the necessary equipment in those situations where it is recommended that students carry emergency supplies (on their person, i.e. a fanny pack) containing:
 - Asthma Inhaler
 - Diabetes dextrose candies
 - Anaphylaxis adrenalin injection kit

In reference to Anaphylaxis, more detailed suggestions can be found in the Canadian School Boards' Association recent publication "Anaphylaxis: A Handbook for School Boards". A copy is available at http://www.cdnsba.org/pdf/anaphylaxis_eng.pdf

i) Remove medication(s) at the end of each school year from the school and pick up a "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" to be completed by the physician and delivered to the school in September of the following school year. If there are no changes, provide written notification or as stated in (b) or provide a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.



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j) (Parents of Middle and Secondary students) Encourage your child to inform close friends of their medical alert condition and location of their medication at school.

The Principal or Delegate will:

- Communicate to the Director of Instruction the Principal/Vice-Principal contact who is responsible for overseeing the school's Medical Alert information.
- b) Collect demographic and health information about students with Medical Alert conditions at time of registration.
- c) Upon registration or the identification of a medical alert condition, arrange that parents/guardians are given a "Medical Alert Planning Form", "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" and the brochure When medical conditions are indicated on the Student Registration Form, ensure that instructions are given for completion and return of the forms to the school. A summary of these guidelines (parent pamphlet which includes a resource list) to assist them in understanding their own and other's roles should also be provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- d) **Annually provide** brochure, "For Parents/Guardians of Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions" School District No. 23, to all students with medical/anaphylaxis conditions.
- e) Ensure that the "Medical Alert Planning Form" is reviewed by the parent/guardian in September of each year and/or accept parental written notification with date and signature to indicate "no change" to the medical alert plan.
- f) Keep records of communication with parents regarding the Medical Alert Plan. Document each date of communication or date when communication was initiated, even if there was no answer indicating that a message was left on the answering machine or e-mail.
 - **NOTE:** After three attempts to obtain the Medical Alert Plan from the parent (communication documented) and the Medical Alert Plan is not returned, the parent must be notified that the Standard Procedure of Care will then be in place.



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- g) At the end of each school year provide parents/guardians with the current "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" and a blank form so they can arrange that the physician completes a new form for the school by September (or a new duplicate pharmacy label is attached) or accept the original form with attached parent letter to indicate "no change".
- h) Consult with the Public Health Nurse for clarification of which conditions may need Medical Alert procedures.
- i) Assemble the involved members of staff so that the Public Health Nurse can coordinate, in consultation with parents/guardians, school personnel and associations, appropriate training related to a Medical Alert Plan (Epi-Pens) for a student. This may require training sessions twice a year as determined by the needs of the student(s). [Refer to Parents' roles (c) and Public Health Nurse role (h).]

NOTE: Principals, the staff members who require training are:

- Principals and Vice-Principals
- secretaries
- the two staff members who hold current first-aid certificates at your school (two are designated at each school)
- staff directly teaching a medical alert student
- any staff member who takes a class outdoors (insect allergies).

Training may also be required for CUPE employees such as bus drivers, custodians, noon-hour supervisors, etc. who work directly with medical alert students. Refresher training in anaphylaxis, diabetes, and epilepsy will be scheduled approximately once a year by the Transportation Supervisor.

Principals should call the Transportation Supervisor if additional training is required for a registered rider.

- j) Provide information to all staff members so they are visually familiar with Medical Alert students, and where plans/medication forms and medications for these students are stored. (Students may carry medications so it is immediately available, i.e. fanny packs.) Establish a recording system to notify parents when medication is outdated and needs to be replaced.
- k) Provide one copy of the Medical Alert Planning Form for each student who is a registered rider to the Transportation Supervisor when first received and after each update. A copy of the Request for Administration of Medication should



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also be provided if the student carries an Epi-pen and may require a bus driver to administer medication.

 (Elementary) Ensure that photo I.D.'s of Medical Alert students are displayed in an appropriate place where the members of staff will see it, while the confidentiality of the students is protected from people not involved with them.

(Middle/Secondary) **Ensure** that a hard copy of Medical Alert students' names and Photo ID are available for all first aid officials within the school in areas such as the school office, counselling centre, gym and the medical health room. Teachers of students, care givers, coaches etc. must be informed of children with special care concerns.

Staff caring for students with "Life Threatening Conditions" must have access to and be aware of, the location of "Emergency Standard or Individual Care Plans". Details of other conditions <u>must</u> be on a need to know basis. Confidentiality of the students must be protected from people not directly involved with them.

NOTE: See attached template for required information to be displayed/available.

m) Provide a safe and appropriate storage area for medication including provisions for medication for Medical Alert students when they are on school authorized field trips. In some cases students may be required to carry medication on their person.

NOTE: For each student who requires assistance, an established medication administration process that includes a medication record should be followed. A record of all medication administered must be recorded by name, date, time of day, amount of medication, administered by whom, and initials of person who assisted with medication.

- n) Work with the Public Health Nurse, parents/guardians, and the classroom teacher to develop support structures for Medical Alert students during class time, during recess and lunch breaks and other times when the student is under the school's authority.
- o) Inform all parents when the environment of the school is changed by actions of district employees such as when pesticides are sprayed, weeds are sprayed, or major school repairs such as painting, roofing, tarring, redoing carpets, or when any substances with strong fumes are used.



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- p) Assure that forms for Medical Alert students are appropriately stored in students' files.
- q) Co-operate with the parents of children with anaphylaxis to maintain an allergy safe environment. This may include establishing restrictions in the classroom for life threatening allergies such as food products and animals.
- r) Return all remaining medication to parents at the end of each school year.
- s) Inform parents that medical information from their elementary school may not be transferred to their middle/secondary school.
- t) Refer to BCSTA.org for additional resources and anaphylactic awareness/avoidance strategies.

The Classroom Teacher and other teachers who are in charge of students will:

- a) Cooperate with the Public Health Nurse to get information from parents related to serious health concerns of students under his/her authority.
- b) Attend training sessions coordinated by the Public Health Nurse in conjunction with appropriate personnel and implement this training to support a healthy environment for Medical Alert students under his/her authority.
- c) Prepare appropriate information for any Teachers on Call who work with Medical Alert Students under his/her authority.
- d) Communicate to parents any changes to the classroom environment that may create a health concern for a Medical Alert student.
- e) Refer to BCSTA.org for additional resources and anaphylactic awareness/avoidance strategies.

The Transportation Supervisor will:

- a) Provide an opportunity for an annual Medical Alert update for bus drivers to address anaphylaxis, diabetes, and epilepsy.
- b) Ensure Medical Alert Planning Forms received from the schools are kept for quick reference within the Operations department.



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The Public Health Nurse will:

- a) Meet with the Principal or designate prior to, or at the beginning of, the school year to discuss/review the Medical Alert procedures in the school, and the role of the Public Health Nurse. i.e. review "Medical Alert Planning Forms", and "Request for Medication Administration at School Forms".
- b) Use the information collected from the "Medical Alert Planning Form", and the "Request for Medication Administration at School Form" to identify those students for which serious medical conditions exist.
- c) Refer new families/students with Medical Alert conditions to the school before the beginning of the school year when the child's condition is known to Public Health.
- d) Work with the parents/guardians and the students' physicians, as necessary, to determine the specific needs of students with health risks.
- e) Work with parents/guardians and their physician, as necessary, to assure that the "Request for Administration of Medication at School Forms" are completed before medications are administered at school.
- f) In conjunction with the Principal or designated school personnel, assure that an appropriate Medical Alert Plan is communicated utilizing the "Medical Alert Planning Form" that will meet the needs of each student.
- g) As necessary, or at the request of school personnel, educate staff, students and parents regarding Medical Alert conditions within the school. This education might be done with the assistance of parents, students, and other medical experts.
- h) Coordinate appropriate training to school personnel once the Medical Alert Plan has been completed. This training may include information provided by parents. Parents/guardians should be invited to attend training sessions. [Refer to Parent role (c) and Principal or delegate role (i).]
- i) Ensure plans are reviewed and updated annually or on parent/guardian notification of changes in the child's condition.
- j) Assist the classroom teacher in establishing support structures for Medical Alert students by providing training to persons involved in structures such as buddy systems and designated staff liaison systems.



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Attachments:

The following forms are attached:

- □ **Medical Alert Planning Form** this form is to be provided to those parents/guardians who indicate on the "Student Registration Form" that their child has a medical condition that may require immediate action.
- □ Request for Administration of Medication at School Form This form is to be completed by the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician before school personnel can administer medication.
- □ Brochure "For Parents/Guardians of Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions".
- □ Medical Alert Photo I.D. Form for display in an appropriate place while ensuring confidentiality.

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Introduction

The Board of Education is committed to the well being of students who may require emergency medical care while at school or during school-sanctioned events. Students who have been physician-diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening require planned care and support as outlined in the BC Ministry of Education in accordance with the Anaphylactic Protection Order (2009) and the BC Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013). Reported medical conditions may include:

- Epilepsy and/or Seizure Disorders
- Anaphylactic and/or history of severe allergic response
- Severe Asthma immediate medical treatment required
- Blood clotting disorders such as haemophilia that require immediate medical care in the event of injury
- Serious heart conditions
- Other conditions, which may require emergency care as determined in consultation with parents/guardians/ student/family physician, school, and Medical Health Officer or designate

Policy

To support the safety, health and well being of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening, the Board believes that the care of students is a joint responsibility of parents/guardians, school personnel, students, and Public Health Nurses.

The following are mandatory to ensure that the care of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening is managed in a safe manner:

1. All students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening must have medical information provided on the School District No. 23 Registration Form, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the BC Ministry of Education Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable).



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2. School personnel who are supervising students with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening must be aware of information provided on the School District No. 23 Registration Form, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable) as well as participate in annual mandatory training.

The following outlines the specific responsibilities of parents/guardians/Principals/Vice-Principals, school personnel, students, and Public Health Nurses:

- 1. The parents/guardians have primary responsibility for:
 - communicating information about their child's serious medical condition(s) to school personnel and the Public Health Nurse (if applicable);
 - completing the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable), and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable);
 - informing school personnel immediately in the event of any medical concerns.
- 2. The Principal/Vice-Principal and/or the designated/supervising school personnel are responsible for:
 - ensuring the safety and well-being of students during school hours and during after hours school related activities;
 - collecting information from parents/guardians related to students diagnosed with serious health conditions;
 - providing a supportive environment for students diagnosed with serious health condition(s);
 - collaborating with the Public Health Nurse in the role of supporting the health of students diagnosed with serious medical conditions.
- 3. Students have responsibility for:
 - following all health and school guidelines for their serious medical condition(s);
 - keeping their parents/guardians and personal health professionals informed of any concerns related to their serious medical condition;
 - informing school personnel immediately in the event of any serious medical event.



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- 4. The Public Health Nurse has responsibility for:
 - supporting the health of those students who may be medically at risk so they can participate in school activities successfully;
 - reviewing the completed School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Forms or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Forms, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable);
 - clarifying the needs of these students through communication with parents/guardians;
 - preparing information required by the School Administrator and school personnel to support these students;
 - co-ordinating training to school personnel involved with these students.

The specific guidelines for the management and overseeing of this process are detailed in Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylactic Conditions (Regulations). Students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening will be accommodated in accordance with this Policy and Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylactic Conditions (Regulations), and with Policy 435 - Medical Treatment of Students and Regulations 435R - Medical Treatment of Students (Regulations).

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The Parents/Guardians, Principals/Vice-Principals, designated/supervising school personnel, Manager of Transportation, and Public Health Nurse all have specific roles and responsibilities to support students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.

The Parents/Guardians will:

- a) Complete and provide the school annually, in cases of students diagnosed with an anaphylactic allergy, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form, this includes at the time of registration, at the beginning of each school year, and at any time there is a significant change in the student's medical condition or care.
- b) Complete and provide the school annually, in cases of students diagnosed with a Seizure Disorder/Epilepsy, the *mandatory* Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable) and return on the first day of school in September.
- c) Ensure the Request for Medication Administration at School Form is completed by the student's physician, for students requiring medication(s) at school. A duplicate pharmacy label may be attached to the form in Section B in place of a signature from the physician. Return the completed form to the school on the first day of school. If there are no changes, provide written notification or a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.
- d) Collaborate with the Public Health Nurse to train designated/supervising school personnel when deemed necessary.
- e) Note on the School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form if the student is a registered bus rider.
- f) Ensure medication(s) is available at the school in the original labelled container with appropriate measuring device (if applicable) and is replaced when expired.



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- g) Provide the necessary medical equipment and/or supplies to the school as per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013) and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology "Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings" (Copyright 2005-2016).
 - Asthma Inhaler
 - Anaphylactic Epinephrine auto-injector (Epi Pen)

NOTE: Parents are also to provide a second auto-injector to be stored in a central, safe, *unlocked* location.

- h) Remove medication(s) at the end of each school year.
- i) Obtain the following for students diagnosed with an anaphylactic allergy at the end of each school year: a *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form. All completed forms must be delivered on the first day of school. If there are no changes, provide written notification or a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.
- j) Obtain the following for students diagnosed with a Seizure Disorder/Epilepsy at the end of each school year: a Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable). All completed forms must be delivered to the school on the first day of school in September. If there are no changes, provide written notification or a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.
- k) Ensure their child is wearing medical identification.
- 1) Encourage their child to inform close friends of their serious medical condition as per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013) and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology "Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings" (Copyright 2005-2016).
- m) Be available (or arrange a delegate) to respond either by phone or in person at all times.

NOTE:

☐ In the case of **Senior Secondary students**, the student may assume some of the parent's/guardian's role.



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- □ Students may not update medical data if parents/guardians have registered conflicting information.
- ☐ It is recommended that students who demonstrate maturity regarding their serious medical condition carry emergency supplies on their person, for example a fanny pack containing:
 - Asthma Inhaler
 - Anaphylactic Epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen)

The School Principal/Vice-Principal will:

- a) Ensure, at the start of each school year, that all school personnel attend the *mandatory* training for anaphylaxis, diabetes and seizures provided by the Public Health Nurse as per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013). For school personnel who are unable to attend the training provided by the Public Health Nurse, the on-line course "Anaphylaxis in Schools: What Educators Need to Know" must be completed. Further training mid-year may be provided as needed.
- b) Collaborate with the Public Health Nurse in their role of supporting the health of students with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.

NOTE: Training may also be requested for school district employees such as custodians, noon-hour supervisors, etc. who support students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.

- c) Communicate the following to the appropriate Assistant Superintendent:
 - the name of the School Administrator who will be responsible for overseeing the school's *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) or the Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form (if applicable);
 - The dates the completed form(s) are returned by parents/guardians;
 - The date the Public Health Nurse provides *mandatory* training for anaphylaxis, diabetes and seizures.
- d) Collect, at the time of registration and at the beginning of every school year, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable). Ensure that all applicable forms are reviewed by the parents/guardians in



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September of each year and accept parental/guardian written notification with date and signature to indicate no change.

- e) Collect, at the time of registration and at the beginning of every school year, the *mandatory* Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable). Ensure that all applicable forms are reviewed by the parents/guardians in September of each year and accept parental/guardian written notification with date and signature to indicate no change.
- f) Ensure the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable) is completed by the student's physician, for students requiring medication(s) at school. A duplicate pharmacy label may be attached to the form in Section B in place of a signature from the physician. Collect the completed form on the first day of school each September. If there are no changes, accept parental/guardian written notification or provide a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.
- g) Provide, upon registration or the diagnosis of a serious medical condition, parents/guardians with the following links: the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013) and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology "Anaphylactic in Schools and Other Settings" (Copyright 2005-2016) to assist them in understanding their own and other's roles and responsibilities within the BC Ministry of Education (pages 16-18).
- h) Keep records of communication with parents regarding the School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form. Document each date of communication or date when communication was initiated, even if there was no answer indicating that a message was left on voice mail or e-mail.

NOTE: After three attempts to obtain the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form from the parents/guardians (communication documented) and the School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form is not returned, the parents/guardians must be notified that the Standard Procedure of Care will then be in place (previous language from current Anaphylactic Policy).



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- i) Provide information to all school personnel so they are visually familiar with students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening. Display the student's Medical Alert Photo ID in an appropriate place, while maintaining confidentiality.
- j) Ensure school personnel are aware of the location of the student's medication(s). It is recommended that students who demonstrate maturity regarding their serious medical condition carry medication(s) on their person for immediate availability.
- k) Establish a recording system to notify parents when medication is expired and needs replacing.
- Provide, on an annual basis, a copy of the School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form for each student who is a registered rider to the Manager of Transportation. A copy of the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form should also be provided if the student carries an Epi-pen and may require a bus driver to administer medication.
- m) Provide a safe, appropriate, and <u>unlocked</u> storage area for medication(s) and equipment, including provisions for school authorized field studies. It is recommended that students who demonstrate maturity regarding their serious medical condition carry medication(s) and supplies on their person.
 - **NOTE:** For each student who requires assistance, an established medication administration process that includes a medication record should be followed. A record of all medication administered must be recorded by name, date, time of day, amount of medication, administered by whom, and initials of person who assisted with medication.
- n) Collaborate with the parents/guardians and any school personnel involved with the student to develop support structures to follow the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form/ or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan/ or the Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request to Administer Medication at School Form (if applicable) during the school day and during after hours school related activities.

Middle/Secondary - Ensure that a hard copy of student's names with either the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form/ or



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Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and their Photo IDs are available for all first aid attendants and placed within the school in areas such as the school office, counselling centre, gym office, and the medical health room. Teachers of students, coaches, etc. must be informed of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.

- o) Assure that the completed *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form/ or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request to Administer Medication at School Form (if applicable) are appropriately stored in the student's files.
- p) Ensure the Anaphylaxis Poster is placed in visible locations in the school.
- q) Inform all parents/guardians when the environment of the school is changed by actions of school district employees, such as painting, roofing, tarring, replacing carpets, or when any substances with strong fumes are used.
- r) Collaborate with the parents/guardians of students who are diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening and/or anaphylactic to maintain an allergy safe environment. This may include establishing restrictions in the classroom for life threatening allergies such as food products and animals.
- s) Return all remaining medication(s) to parents/guardians at the end of each school year.
- t) Provide parents/guardians, at the end of the school year, with the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form/ or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan/ or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form. Also, if applicable, provide a blank copy of the Request to Administer Medication at School Form to be completed by the student's physician. If there are no changes, accept parental/guardian written notification or accept a duplicate pharmacy label in place of physician's signature if medication is required.
- u) Inform parents/guardians that medical information from the student's elementary school may not be transferred to their middle/secondary school.



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The Classroom Teacher and any other school personnel supervising the student will:

- a) Collaborate with the Public Health Nurse to obtain medical information from parents/guardians related to students diagnosed with serious health condition(s) that are potentially life threatening under his/her supervision.
- b) Attend the annual *mandatory* anaphylaxis, diabetes, and seizure training session coordinated by the Public Health Nurse are per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013). For teachers who are unable to attend the training provided by the Public Health Nurse, the on-line course "Anaphylaxis in Schools: What Educators Need to Know " must be completed.
- c) Be familiar with the student's *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form/ or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan and the Request to Administer Medication at School Form.
- d) Be familiar with the student's *mandatory* Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request to Administer Medication at School Form (if applicable).
- e) Provide medical information for any Temporary Teachers on Call (TTOC) who will be supervising student(s) diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.
- f) Communicate to parents/guardians any changes to the classroom environment that may create health concerns for the student diagnosed with a serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.

The Manager of Transportation will:

- a) Ensure that bus drivers will annually attend the *mandatory* anaphylaxis, diabetes, and seizure training session coordinated by the Public Health Nurse as per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013). For bus drivers who are unable to attend the training provided by the Public Health Nurse, the on-line course "Anaphylaxis in Schools: What Educators Need to Know", must be completed.
- b) Ensure, on an annual basis, that copies of the *mandatory* forms: School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or the Anaphylactic Student



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Emergency Procedure Plan or the Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable) are received from schools and kept for quick reference on each school bus.

c) Ensure that all bus drivers are familiar with the copies of the student's *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable).

The Public Health Nurse will:

- a) Meet with the Principal/Vice-Principal prior to, or at the beginning of, the school year to discuss/review the students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening. They will also discuss/review the Medical Alert procedures in the school, and the role of the Public Health Nurse. For example, review *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Forms/ or Anaphylactic Emergency Procedure Plan Forms or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Forms and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable).
- b) Refer new students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening to the school before the beginning of the school year or when a student is identified with a new diagnosis.
- c) Provide annually, the *mandatory* anaphylaxis, diabetes and seizure training to school personnel as per the British Columbia Anaphylactic & Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013) This training may include information provided by parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may be invited to attend training sessions.
- d) Consult with the parents/guardians and the student's physicians, as necessary, to determine the specific needs of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening.
- e) Provide, upon request of school personnel, additional training regarding the student's School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan. This education may be done with the assistance of parents/guardians and the student.

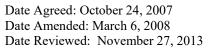


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- f) Ensure the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable) is reviewed and updated annually.
- g) Consult, upon request, with the classroom teacher in establishing support structures for the student's School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form or Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan or Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form and the Request for Medication Administration at School Form (if applicable).



Related Documents: Policies, 436, 435, 435R

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM

A. TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN Name		Birthdate (Year, Month, Day)		
Parent or Guardian		Home Phone	Business Phone	
Physician	Phone			
B. ATTACH A DUPLICATE PHARM REQUEST THAT THE PRESCH Conditions Which Make Medication	OR RIBING PHYSICIAN			
Name of Medication	Dosage	Directions for Use		
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Medication, Etc.)			Physician's Signature	
If prescribing epinephrine emergency single-use auto-injector for school setthave provided a second injector, which symptoms do not improve. An oral analysis school personnel. Additional information can be provided	ting with a second inje h can be given 10-15 n tihistamine will not be	ector, <u>if</u> <u>parents</u> ninutes if	Date	
C. TO BE COMPLETED BY P I request the school to give medication	ARENT OR GUA		ecorded below	
Name of Child		ı	Date	
I will Notify the School Promptly of	Any Changes in Me	edications Ordered		
Signature of Parent or Guardian				
Additional infor	mation can be pr	ovided on revers	se side.	
D. EACH SCHOOL STAFF ME ADMINISTRATION OR SUP THE INFORMATION ON T	PERVISION OF T	HE MEDICATIO	N MUST REVIEW	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS CARD THEN DATE AND SIGN BELOW Date Signature Comments, If A				
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The information on this form is collected under the authority of the School Act. The information will be used for educational program purposes and when required, may be provided to health services, social services or other support services as outlined in sections 88 and 91 of the School Act. The information collected on this form will be protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about the collection and use of this information should be directed to the principal of your school or to the Information and Privacy Coordinator, School District #23 (Central Okanagan), 1940 Underhill Street, Kelowna, B.C., VIX 5X7 (250) 860-8888.

Additional Information:			
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MEDICAL ALERT PLANNING FORM

PHOTO ID

School Year	School Attended	
B.C. Care Card #		
INFORMATION AND PLAN	WHILE IN THE CARE OF THE SCHOOL	
Student Name:	Birth Date: (YMD)	
Parent or Guardian:	Day Phone:	Cell Phone:
Emergency Contact Name:	Day Phone:	Cell Phone:
Physician:	Phone:	
Potential life threatening medica	al condition diagnosed as:	
1. New Condition: Yes	No Date condition identified:	
2. Describe the potential probl	em:	
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by the student/parent, in consultation with the Public Hea	plan must be updated annually and when the ch tation with the family physician, and reviewed a	
◆ Symptoms to watch for are:		
 Precautions in the classroon 	n are:	
	aff need to follow (step by step):	
e •	in field to follow (step by step).	
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Medication Needed: Yes No N	ame of medication:
Where medication is located On Student Located in Sch	ool: Location:
	registered rider on a school bus (eligible or courtesy). A copy of this planent after each update if the student rides a school bus.
•	an (minimum annually)
Review Dates:	There has been no change to this plan:
1	1
2. Date & Sign	2
3. Date & Sign	3

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Date Agreed: October 2007 Date Amended: February 10, 2016

Date Reviewed: Related Documents:

	Medical Alert	
Name:	Grade: Div./Rm #	
Medical Alert Condition:		
Action Required:		
	CONFIDENTIAL	
Where medication is located: On student Located	l in school Location:	
Note: If medication is in student's lo	ocker please see Secretary or Administrat	or for further info.
	Medical Alert	
Name:	Grade: Div./Rm #	
Medical Alert Condition:		
	CONFIDENTIAL	d
Where medication is located: On student Located	d in school Location:	
Note: If medication is in student's lo	ocker please see Secretary or Administrat	or for further info.

Date Agreed: October 2007

Date Amended/Reviewed: March 2008 Date Reviewed/Amended: November 13, 2002

Date Amended: February 10, 2016

Date Reviewed: Related Documents:

ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENT EMERGENCY PROCEDURE PLAN

Parent/Guardian please complete:		
Student's Name	Date of Birth (Y/M/D)	
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female		
Parent/Guardian	Paytime Phone	
Emergency Contact	Paytime Phone	
Physician	Paytime Phone	
Physician please complete:		
Physician's Name	_	
Daytime Phone	Fax	
Allergen (Do not include antibiotics or other drugs. Please be \square Peanuts \square Nuts \square Dairy Other food	as specific as possible.)	
☐ Spiders ☐ Insects ☐ Latex Any other alle	ergens	
 pain/tightness, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symp sneezing), trouble swallowing Gastrointestinal (stomach): nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting Cardiovascular (heart): pale/blue colour, weak pulse, pass Other: anxiety, feeling of "impending doom", headache, under the colour of the colour	g, diarrhea ing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock iterine cramps in females	
Additional symptoms		
 Emergency Protocol Administer single dose auto-injector and call 911 Notify Parent/Guardian Administer second auto-injector in 5 to 15 minutes after improve or if symptoms recur Have ambulance transport student to hospital 	the first dose is given, if symptoms do not	
Emergency Medication NOTE: Emergency medication must be a single-dose antihistamines will not be administered by school personne		
Name of emergency medication		
Dosage		
Physician Signature	Date (Y/M/D)	

Parent/Guardian please complete		
Discussed and reviewed Anaphylaxis Responsibility Checklist v. Two auto-injectors provided to school?	□ yes □ no	
Auto-injector locations		
Your child's personal information is collected under the authorization and Protection of Privacy Act. The Board of Information for the purposes of:	•	
Health, safety, treatment and protectionEmergency care and response		
If you have any questions about the collection of your child's school Principal directly. By signing this form, you give your conjugate your child's personal information to school staff and persons responsibility of school-age students and preschool age children (as outlined in the <i>BC Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framew</i> consent is valid and in effect until it is revoked in writing by your conjugate to the property of the pr	onsent to the Board of Education to disclost reasonably expected to have supervisoren participating in early learning program work 2007) for the above purposes. The	se ory ms
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date (Y/M/D)	

Date Reviewed: Related Documents:



Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information

Instructions: This form is a communication tool for use by parents to share information with the school. Update form yearly or if any changes in condition and/or treatment.

School Year:	chool Year: Date of Plan:					
Name of Student:			Date of Birth:	Care Card Number:		
School:		Grade:	Teacher/Div:	Date of Plan:		
CONTACT INFORMA	TION					
	Name:			Call First		
Parent/Guardian 1:	Cell Number:	Work Number:	Home Number:	Other Number:		
	Name:			Call First		
Parent/Guardian 2:	Cell Number:	Work Number:	Home Number:	Other Number:		
	Name:			Relationship:		
Other/Emergency:	Able to advise o	n seizure care:] No	Home Number:	Work Number:		
Neurologist:	Phone Number:	Family Physician:	1	Phone Number:		
SEIZURE INFORMA 1. When was your ch		seizures or epilepsy?				
Seizure type(s):						
3. What time of day o	lo seizures occur?					
4. How long do the se	eizures last?					
5. How often do seizu	ures occur?					
6. Description of seiz	ure:					



Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information

7. Does your child have cluster seizures?	
8. Are there any warnings and/or behavior changes before the seizure occ YES NO If yes, please explain:	urs?
9. When was your child's last seizure?	
10. How does your child react after a seizure is over?	
11. How do other illnesses affect your child's seizure control?	
BASIC FIRST AID: Care and comfort Measures:	
12. What basic first aid procedures should be taken when your child has a seizure in school?	Basic Seizure First Aid: ✓ Stay calm & track time ✓ Keep child safe ✓ Do not restrain ✓ Do not put anything in mouth ✓ Stay with child until fully conscious
13. Will your child need to leave the classroom after a seizure? ☐YES ☐NO	Record seizure inform parent For tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizure: Protect head Keep airway open/watch breathing Turn child on side if ambulatory
14. Does your child need to lie down after a seizure?	OR if in wheelchair/stander/walker
☐YES ☐NO What process would you recommend for returning your child to classroom?	child may remain in mobility device. Note: They may need to be taken out of a mobility device at the end of the seizure if airway is blocked or they want to sleep.
SEIZURE EMERGENCIES	A Seizure is considered an Emergency.
15. When does the school call 911?	CALL 911 WHEN: ✓ A convulsive (tonic-clonic) seizure
16. When does the school call the parent?	lasts longer than 5 minutes ✓ Student has repeated seizures without regaining consciousness ✓ Student has a first time seizure ✓ Student is injured or diabetic
17. Has your child ever been hospitalized for continuous seizures?	✓ Student has breathing difficulties
☐YES ☐ NO If YES, please explain:	after the seizure ✓ Student has a seizure under water Serious injury occurs



Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information

SEIZURE MEDICATION AND TREATMENT INFORMATION (Physician to Complete)

18. Scheduled medication	n(s)				
Medication	Dosage	Date Started	Frequency and time of day taken Poss		Possible side effects
19. Emergency medicati	ons				
Medication	Dosage	Administration Inst	ructions (timing & method)	Wh	nat to do after administration
			-ft1 -l't0		
Have emergency supplied	es been pro	vided in the event	of a natural disaster?		
□YES □NO	If YES, Id	ocation of supplies	?		
20. Does your child have	a Vagus N	Nerve Stimulator?			
☐ YES ☐NO	If YES n	lease describe inst	ructions for appropriate r	magnet	lise.
	п т со, р	icasc acsorbe irisi	detions for appropriate i	nagnet	use.
Physician Signature:			Da	to:	
Filysician Signature.			Da	ie.	
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION	TION & PR	ECAUTIONS			
Check all that apply and	describe a	ny considerations	or precautions that shoul	d he ta	ken
General health:	uescribe a	rry considerations	Physical education (
Physical functioning:	<u> </u>		Recess:	gyiii/s	ports
Learning:			Field trips:		
Behavior:			Bus transportation:		
Mood/coping:			Playground Equipme		
Stairs:			Other:		
21. Can this informatio		d with classroom t	eacher(s) and other appr		
Parent/Guardian Signa	ature:				
School Administrator					
Signature:					
Date:					

Sample Anaphylaxis Posters/Brochures

June 2010

ANAPHYLAXIS

> A sudden and severe allergic reaction, which can be fatal, requiring immediate medical

emergency measures be taken

> Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an offending substance. Reactions usually occur within two hours of exposure, but in rarer cases can develop hours later. Specific symptoms can vary from person to person and sometimes from attack to attack in the same person.

COMMON SYMPTOMS ...

- ◆ Skin hives , swelling, itching, warmth, redness, rash
- Respiratory (breathing) wheezing, shortness of breath, throat tightness, cough, hoarse voice, chest pain/tightness, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symptoms (runny itchy nose and watery eyes, sneezing), trouble swallowing
- Gastrointestinal (stomach): nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting, diarrhea
- Cardiovascular (heart): pale/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock
- Other: anxiety, feeling of "impending doom", headache, uterine cramps in females

TREATMENT ...

- > GIVE AUTO-INJECTOR (single dose)
- > CALL 911 Emergency Medical Care
- > CALL child's parent/guardian
- GIVE second auto-injector within 5 to 15 minutes after the first dose is given, if symptoms have not improved or recur.
- > TRANSPORT to hospital
- ➤ If child has had a reaction and does not have any medication, call 911 Emergency Medical Care



PREVENTING BEE, WASP AND INSECT STINGS

- Wear shoes when outside
- Check food and drink containers for insects
- Keep lids on sweet drinks and use a straw
- Wear a cap on warm sunny days to prevent insects from getting caught in your hair
- If a bee is buzzing around your head, hold your hands up on each side of your face, and walk calmly into a treed area. Even a few branches will disorientate the bee and it will fly off.
- DO NOT swat at bees, wasps, flying insects or destroy nests
- DO NOT drink sweet drinks outside
- **DO NOT** sit close to garbage cans
- DO NOT wear perfume, bright clothes or floral prints
- **DO NOT** pick flowers