

Pakenham Hills PS

Emergency Response Procedure for Anaphylaxis.

PURPOSE

To ensure all staff are aware of, and follow timely procedures in administering appropriate first aid to students at risk of anaphylaxis.

SCOPE

To provide a safe and healthy school environment that takes into consideration the needs of all students including those diagnosed with, or at risk of anaphylaxis.

Onsite.

In the event of an anaphylactic reaction or suspected reaction, the emergency response procedures for anaphylaxis and general first aid procedures must all be followed.

1. If a student/person is suspected to be having an anaphylactic reaction, **do not move the casualty. Lay them down or sit them up if breathing is compromised. If reaction is due to bee sting, ensure sting has not remained, use a key or fingernail to side sweep stinger out.** Immediately call sick bay if incident occurs during recess or lunch play: use walkie talkies or mobile phone. First aider will attend with an EpiPen/autoinjector.
 - Remain with student/person and maintain calm/reassure casualty.
 - Provide student name and request personal or school EpiPen /autoinjector. **Red ASCIA plan enclosed with personal autoinjectors if is a diagnosed anaphylactic risk.** **Green** ASCIA plan in yard duty bag, follow for students not diagnosed as at risk for anaphylaxis.
 - Provide location, as precisely as possible.
2. If during incident occurs during class time:
 - For students diagnosed at risk of Anaphylaxis: Follow individual **Red ASCIA plan: enclosed with personal autoinjectors.** Remain with student/person and maintain calm/reassure casualty.
 - Have another person call office either by intercom system, walkie talkie or mobile phone. (Office will notify a first aider).
 - For students NOT diagnosed as at risk for Anaphylaxis but believed to be having an anaphylactic episode, call office and request generic EpiPen. State whether senior or junior autoinjector is required. Follow procedure for administering an EpiPen: enclosed with autoinjector.
 - Vacate room if necessary.
3. When EpiPen arrives, follow all ASCIA Anaphylaxis action plans for diagnosed students.

4. Remain with student/person and maintain calm/reassure casualty. If unconscious follow first aid procedures: place in the recovery position. If using an EpiPen inform patient of intent to administer adrenaline where possible.
5. For students diagnosed with allergies, and are believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction follow **green** ASCIA Allergic reactions action plan. Generic Anaphylaxis and Allergy action plans are provided in each first aid bag.
6. If EpiPen is used an ambulance must be called by attending first aider (where practical). Follow all directives given by 000. This may include administering a second EpiPen/autoinjector if available. Request student details to be provided: either by office or on mobile phone as paramedics will require student details.
7. Student is to remain immobile and monitored until paramedics arrive and take over.
8. Parents are to be called after the ambulance. Please ask office or another staff member to do this. The priority of the first aider is to the patient.
9. Immediately after incident, provide all details to a first aid officer including antecedent (if known) of reaction. First aid officer will document on compass and notify Emergency Management (if person is taken by paramedics).

Offsite, e.g. sporting days, excursions, camps.

1. If a student/person is suspected to be having an anaphylactic reaction notify the designated first aider. **Do not move the casualty. Lay them down or sit them up if breathing is compromised. If reaction is due to bee sting, ensure sting has not remained, use a key or fingernail to side sweep stinger out.**
 - **If the student/person is diagnosed as at risk for Anaphylaxis** and is believed to be experiencing an anaphylactic reaction immediately access their individual plan and EpiPen/autoinjector.
 - For student/person **NOT** diagnosed as at risk but believed to be experiencing an anaphylactic reaction, access and follow procedure for administering an EpiPen, (in first aid bag).
2. When EpiPen/autoinjector arrives, follow all ASCIA Anaphylaxis action plans.
3. Remain with student/person and maintain calm/reassure casualty. If unconscious follow first aid procedures: place in the recovery position. If using an EpiPen inform patient of intent to administer adrenaline where possible.
4. If EpiPen is used an ambulance must be called by attending first aider (where practical). Follow all directives given by 000. This may include administering a second EpiPen/autoinjector if available. Direct another staff member to access/provide student details: paramedics will require these.
5. Student is to remain immobile and monitored until paramedics arrive and take over.

6. Parents are to be called after the ambulance. Please ask office or another staff member to do this. The priority of the first aider is to the patient.
7. When First Aider has been relieved: by paramedics/parent or more capable other, please document the incident, including antecedent where known then notify the school and provide as much detail as possible.
8. Should an autoinjector/Epipen be unavailable 000 is to be called immediately a student/person is suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction and all directives followed.

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EVALUATION

Pakenham Hills Primary School is committed to ensuring this procedure is publicised and implemented, and will monitor and review its effectiveness.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's multi-year review cycle.

This policy does not require School Council Approval.

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Principal

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