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Food Allergy Plan for:	Date:

Allergic to:

May introduce:

Asthma Yes (High risk for severe reaction) No

- 1. These foods must be strictly avoided. Read labels carefully. "May contain" labels means the product may contain enough allergen to cause a reaction.
- 2. An epinephrine autoinjector must be available at all times to treat severe allergic reactions.
- 3. Medical alert identification should be worn that says what your allergies are and that you have an epinephrine autoinjector (<a href="www.medicalert.ca">www.medicalert.ca</a>) \*No child without program\*
- 4. Stay away from high risk places: buffets, bake sales, ice cream stores, any foods that do not come with a label of ingredients
- 5. When to call our office:
  - If a serious reaction occurs
  - If you need to use your epinephrine autoinjector
  - If you are worried about a new food allergy
- 6. Excellent websites for patients with food allergies
  - www.food allergy.org
  - www.foodallergycanada.ca

## **ANAPHYLAXIS PLAN**

## What to look for:

MOUTH Itching, swelling of lips and/or tongue Use EpiPen if 2 body systems involved, or any of the bolded systems alone SKIN Itching, hives, redness, swelling

GUT Vomiting, diarrhea, cramps

LUNG\* Shortness of breath, cough, wheeze HEART\* Dizziness, sleepiness, passing out

Only a few symptoms may be present. Severity of symptoms can change quickly.

\*Some symptoms can be life-threatening.

How to use Epipen: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBvdO9a9NTQ&t=93s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBvdO9a9NTQ&t=93s</a>

## What to do:

- 1. Lie down flat do not stand up or walk
- 2. Inject the epinephrine autoinjector (EpiPen) into the thigh it can go through a layer of clothes
- 3. If you have asthma, use your reliever inhaler (Ventolin or Bricanyl) if needed
- 4. Call 911 or head to the nearest emergency department more treatment may be needed

Remember: If you are not sure if you should use the EpiPen – USE IT!