

Carrying and Use of Epi Pen

Grades K-12

While it is generally good practice for medication to be stored in the health room, there are times when, in the best interest of the child's health, it may be determined on a case to case basis that a student may carry an Epi Pen throughout the school day and on the bus. Each of these situations must be evaluated individually. The physician may, by written order, initiate the guidelines allowing the student to carry an Epi Pen during school hours.

Written physician order including prescription for use (drug, frequency, and precautions) and necessity to carry the Epi Pen on his/her person.

Parent's written consent for child to use an Epi Pen at school and for child to carry an Epi Pen on his/her person.

The nurse will conference with parent and child regarding need for medication, expected results from the medication, and steps to be taken if the Epi Pen is used. The Individualized Health Care Plan (IHP) and Emergency Care Plan (ECP) will be reviewed with the student, parent, and appropriate school personnel.

The student must carry the Epi Pen in a "fanny type pack" on their body, not in a backpack, purse, etc. If the student rides a district bus, the driver needs to be trained to use an Epi Pen. The student will demonstrate the ability to properly use an Epi Pen, agree to immediately notify nurse when the Epi Pen is used and see the nurse immediately. The student will express understanding of safety factors and responsibility related to carrying an Epi Pen. If it is learned that the student is not complying with physician's instructions or demonstrates lack of ability or understanding in the use of the Epi Pen, the nurse will notify those involved to review the situation and make necessary changes in the health care plan.

The situation will be re-evaluated anytime there are major changes in the child's health condition and/or treatment plan, and in the event that the child misuses the Epi Pen or shows lack of responsibility in handling an Epi Pen.

The student, parent, building principal, and school nurse will sign the "Consent for Carrying and Use of Epi Pen" form each school year.

In order for a student to have access to an Epi Pen at all times, it is required that one be kept in the school medicine cabinet as a back up to the one carried by the student. The second one can be utilized if the student should come to school without an Epi Pen.

SMITHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services

Consent for Carrying and Use of Epi Pen

While it is generally good practice for medical equipment to be stored in the health room, there are times when in the best interest of the student's health it may be determined on a case to case basis that a student may carry an Epi Pen throughout the school day and on the bus.

The completion of this checklist will provide accurate communication between student, parent, physician, and school personnel.

_____ Written physician/health care provider order including prescription for use (drug, frequency and precautions) and indicating the necessity for the student to carry the Epi Pen on his/her person.

Note: This may be on physician stationery, prescription pad, or Smithville Medication Authorization form.

_____ Parent's written consent for student to use an Epi Pen at school, for the student to carry the Epi Pen on his/her person and for the nurse to talk with the physician/health care provider. A Confidential Emergency Information for Transportation form will be filled out and signed by parent if indicated.

Note: Smithville Medication Authorization form.

_____ The nurse conferences with the parent and student regarding the need for the Epi Pen, results from the medication and steps to be taken if the Epi Pen is used. The Individualized Health Care Plan (IHP) and Emergency Care Plan (ECP) are reviewed with the student, and appropriate school personnel.

_____ The student will demonstrate ability to properly use the Epi Pen and see the nurse immediately. Student will express understanding of safety factors and responsibility related to carrying the medication.

_____ The situation may be re-evaluated anytime there are major changes in the student's health condition and/or treatment plan and in the event that the student misuses the medication or shows lack of responsibility in handling the Epi Pen.

Smithville School District and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the carrying and self-administration of the Epi Pen by the student and that the parents/guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the student's carrying and self-administration of the Epi Pen. Permission for the student to carry the Epi Pen is effective for the school year for which it is granted and is renewed for each subsequent school year upon meeting the conditions set forth above. (BOE.JHCD-AFI.)

Based on the above information, we understand that it is necessary for _____
to carry Epi Pen in a "fanny type pack" on his/her person at school and on the bus for the _____ school year.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

Principal _____ Date _____

Nurse _____ Date _____