

## In the school yard

- Students with anaphylactic responses to insects should be encouraged to stay away from water or flowering plants. Schools should liaise with parents/carers to encourage students to wear light or dark rather than bright colours, as well as closed shoes and long-sleeved garments when outdoors.
- Consideration should be given to plants and sources of water in the playground so that the student can avoid them without being unfairly limited. Keep lawns and clover mowed and outdoor bins covered.
- The student should keep drinks and food covered while outdoors.
- If a school has a student who is at risk of anaphylaxis, sufficient staff on yard duty must be trained in the administration of the EpiPen® to be able to respond quickly if needed.
- The EpiPen® should be easily accessible from the yard (remember that an anaphylactic reaction can occur in as little as five minutes).
- Staff on yard duty should carry a communication device to notify the general office/first aid team of an anaphylactic reaction in the yard. Teachers should not leave a student who is experiencing an anaphylactic reaction unattended – the teacher must direct another person to bring the EpiPen®

## During Special events

- For special occasions, class teachers should consult parents/carers in advance to either develop an alternative food menu or request the parents/carers to send a meal for the student.
- Parents/carers of other students should be informed in advance about foods that may cause allergic reactions in students at risk of anaphylaxis and requested to avoid them in treats brought from home.
- Party balloons should not be used if a student is allergic to latex.
- Swimming caps should not be used if a student is allergic to latex.
- Staff must know where the EpiPen® is located and how to access it if required.
- Staff should avoid using food in activities or games, including as rewards

## On field Trips and Excursions

- The student's EpiPen®, ASCIA Action Plan and a mobile phone must be taken on all field trips/excursions.
- A staff member or team of staff who have been trained in the recognition of anaphylaxis and the administration of the EpiPen® must accompany the student on field trips or excursions. All staff present during the field trip or excursion needs to be aware if there is a student at risk of anaphylaxis.
- Staff must develop an emergency procedure that sets out clear roles and responsibilities in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.
- The school should consult parents/carers in advance to discuss issues that may arise, to develop an alternative food menu or request the parent/carer to send a meal (if required).
- Parents/carers may wish to accompany their child on field trips and/or excursions. This should be discussed with parents/carers as another strategy for supporting the student.
- Consider the potential exposure to allergens when consuming food on buses