

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY POLICY AND FORMS

It is the desire of Scottsdale Christian Academy ("SCA") to help support the well-being of our students who have life-threatening allergies. SCA has established the following policy to reduce student's risk of experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction on its premises by clarifying SCA's position as a peanut-sensitive campus rather than a peanut-free campus and by outlining the SCA plan for the management of these conditions.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Obtain Life-Threatening Allergy Policy from SCA Website or SCA Health Office. Prior to student's first day of school attendance, 1) Communicate and identify the presence and type of allergen to School Nurse. Documentation on the student's health card or medical form does not meet this allergy policy requirement. 2) Complete Life-Threatening Allergy Release Form, attached to the policy with school nurse as witness. SCA will be presumed to not have knowledge of a student's allergy if this document is not completed as disclosure verification. 3) Provide SCA Nurse with medication in its original container with prescription order and an action plan from a licensed health care practitioner. Neglecting to fulfill any one of these three items before the student begins school and/or is involved in official school activity compromises SCA's ability to manage the allergy and SCA reserves the right to access emergency medical treatment for the student.
- Update SCA Nurse on all allergy status changes throughout the year.
- Teach child about his/her life-threatening allergy triggers including identification of and avoidance of such triggers. This teaching would include information on food items sold/provided in the cafeteria and foods at snack time. Parent/guardian may want to prepare lunches and/or snacks free of food allergy triggers for their child's consumption, especially younger children.
- If child attends SCA After School Care, notify After Care Supervisors regarding child's allergy and comply with After Care Policy.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to have child wear a medic alert bracelet listing the child's life-threatening allergy(ies).
- Notify School Food Services regarding life-threatening food allergies.

- Notify classroom teacher of child's allergy verbally or through verified email and document the allergy on the School Emergency Health Card.

For those students about whom SCA has received notification, as stated above, SCA will implement the following policy and procedures. No precautions, other than those stated below will be taken to help protect a student from an allergic reaction due to a life-threatening allergy condition. SCA assumes no responsibility to take extraordinary precautions of any kind relative to any student's allergy.

SCA makes no commitment that food, in the cafeteria or anywhere else on the SCA campus, including the student's classroom, will be free of life-threatening food allergy triggers, such as peanut products. SCA will insure that the cafeteria tables are cleaned between each lunch period.

SCA will not knowingly give or knowingly allow to be given to any student, about whom it previously has been notified of a life-threatening allergy, as stated above, food allergy trigger products. However, SCA assumes no responsibility for what is received by such a student, without the direct knowledge of SCA, such as from a fellow student or any person not acting as an agent of SCA within the scope of the agent's authority.

In the event of an allergic reaction of a student identified as having a life-threatening allergy, the school nurse, the student's teacher or another appropriately trained SCA staff member will follow a licensed provider's allergy action plan provided by the parent/guardian and agreed to in writing by the SCA Nurse.

The SCA Nurse will have a list of students by grade who have a life-threatening allergy and are compliant with this policy and for allergy management will circulate this list to SCA Faculty and Staff. Life-threatening allergy information will also be shared with emergency responders in the event of an emergency.

EpiPens provided by parents for students will be stored in the SCA Health Office. The EpiPens will be stored in an unlocked cabinet for quick access. During Health Office closure, after school hours, the EpiPens will be stored in an unlocked cabinet in the locked Health Office. SCA Staff or Security will be notified to unlock the Health Office if a student's anti-histamine or EpiPen is needed for allergen exposure/reaction management. For an off campus activity, action plan medications will be released to off campus activity supervisor to be used in an allergen exposure situation, unless parent/guardian requests SCA Health Office not release the medications.

Food allergy trigger products, including peanuts will not be banned from the SCA campus. So, it would be reasonable to expect that students, at one time or another

and to one degree or another, may have some exposure to food allergy trigger products. This policy does not provide or allow assurance that such food allergy trigger products will not be present on SCA campuses.

The purpose of this policy is to identify parent/guardian responsibility to SCA for the management of child/student's life-threatening allergy and to inform parents/guardians and students of the measures SCA will take and will not take to reduce the risk to students with life-threatening allergies and to manage these allergies. The policy commitment is contingent upon complete and proper notification of SCA of a life-threatening allergy as defined in this policy. Failure to notify SCA and/or comply with parent/guardian responsibilities as set forth in this policy effectually removes SCA from applying and implementing this policy. The policy contains SCA's full disclosure of intent to not be a peanut free campus, and thereby, enable parents/guardians and students to take whatever precautions they elect, with full knowledge of what to expect and what not to expect from SCA.

The Life-Threatening Allergy Policy documents, are available on the SCA Website Health Office page or in the SCA Health Office.

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LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY RELEASE***

As the parent/guardian of _____(child/student), I have read and understand the SCA Life-Threatening Allergy Policy and agree that while SCA will attempt to take appropriate actions in the event of an allergen exposure, SCA is not a medical facility and cannot be held liable for any resulting injury. The parent/guardian acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with the child's pre-existing condition while child/student is attending SCA and participating in activities. The parent/guardian acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury or harm associated with intervention and/or treatment performed by SCA staff/faculty. ACCORDINGLY, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREES ON BEHALF OF BOTH THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND THE CHILD/STUDENT, TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS SCA AND ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FOR INJURY ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OUT OF THE DISCRIBED MEDICAL/LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY NEEDS OF CHILD/STUDENT.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTIFICATION OF LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY

As the parent/guardian of _____(child/student), I am providing SCA with written notification of a life threatening allergy for this child/student. The allergy is listed below by _____(parent/guardian). I am providing medication orders, medication and an action plan from a licensed provider as set forth in the SCA Life-Threatening Allergy Policy to validate its use for the treatment of an allergic reaction.

ALLERGY _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Nurse Signature

Date

Date

