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Prevention, Protocols, Implementation, and Training Resources – Act 68 – 2013

In response to legislation materials below are made available for the use and training of <u>Stock Supply</u> and <u>Emergency Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors</u> including non-patient specific orders for life saving treatment of first-time reactions.

Prevention of exposure to allergens in schools:

- 1. Vermont Agency of Education
 - a. Act 158: An Act Relating to Life-Threatening Allergies and Chronic Illnesses in School (2006) [2017]
- 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - a. <u>Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs</u> (2013) [2017]
- 3. FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) (2011). [2017]
- 4. National School Boards Association-Health Information Network
 - a. Safe at School and Ready to Learn pg. 8-10 [2017]

<u>Protocols for Responding to Life Threatening Allergic Reactions</u>

- 1. Vermont Department of Health/Agency of Education
 - a. ***Standards of Practice: School Health Services (2017) Section 3 Allergies [2017]
 - i. Templates for Health Care Providers (includes an increased awareness of those with first-time life-threatening reactions.)
 - 1. Assessing
 - 2. Administering
 - 3. Caring for
 - 4. Disposing
 - 5. Storage and handling
- 2. National Association of School Nurses
 - a. NASN Tool Kit (2011) [2017]
 - i. Forms; check lists
 - ii. Post event review
- 3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - a. <u>Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs</u> (2013) pg. 22-33 [2017]
 - i. Certified First Aider pg. 32
 - ii. Three levels of training pg. 34
 - iii. Community use awareness pg. 39
- 4. Food Allergy Education and Research (F.A.R.E.) Shelter in Place Plan [2017]

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5. Vermont Agency of Education

- a. Act 158: An Act Relating to Life-Threatening Allergies and Chronic Illnesses in School (2006) [2017]
- 6. National School Boards Association-Health Information Network
 - a. Safe at School and Ready to Learn pg. 12-13 [2017]

Implementation Process for Students with Life Threatening Allergic Reactions.

- 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - <u>Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education</u>

 <u>Programs</u> (2013) [2017]
 - a. Actions for School Boards and District Staff pg. 45-56
 - b. Actions for School Administrators and Staff pg. 57-76
 - c. Actions for Early Care and Education Administrators and Staff pg. 77-85
 - d. Recommendation for First Aid Certification pg. 32
- 2. <u>Incorporates instructions from healthcare provider</u>
 - a. Vermont Department of Health/Agency of Education
 - i. ***Standards of Practice: School Health Services [2017]
 - 1. Section 3 Allergies (2013) [2017]
 - 2. Section 27 Students with Special Health Needs (2015) [2017]
- 3. Includes requirements of 1387 for self possession and administration
 - a. ***Standards of Practice: School Health Services (above)
 - b. 16 V.S.A. § 1387. Possession and self-administration of emergency medication (2007) [2017]
- 4. Becomes part of the student's school health record, annually
 - a. Vermont Department of Health/Agency of Education
 - i. ***Standards of Practice: School Health Services [2017]
 - 1. <u>Section 3 Allergies</u> (2017)
 - 2. Section 27 Students with Special Health Needs (2010)
- 5. Education and training for school nurses and designated personnel, annually
 - a. National Association of School Nurses
 - b. Storage of stock epinephrine auto-injectors. Food Allergy Handbook pg. 7- 8 [2017]
 - c. Sample policy on student medications. http://www.vtvsba.org/model-policy-manual
 - d. CDC Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs FAQ 2013 [2017]
- 6. Each school will publish annually
 - a. Reference to be made on school website and all student/parent handbooks to materials available at the school.
 - b. Recommend plan for families to opt out of emergency response

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- 7. Protocols for the prevention of bullying related to life threatening allergies: National School
 Boards Association-Health Information Network (Safe at School and Ready to Learn, pg.15)
 [2017]
 - a. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and
 Education Programs (2013) pg. 21 [2017]

i ***Suggested templates created by the Vermont Department of Health