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Transportation Personnel: Prepare to Act

It is important that bus drivers and other transportation personnel prepare for and understand how to respond to a food allergy emergency.

Steps to take include:

- Annual food allergy and anaphylaxis training for all transportation personnel
- Learn the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction
- Learn how to use the student’s epinephrine auto-injector device and other medications
- Advocate for emergency drills
- Learn the procedure for activating EMS in an emergency
- In the event of an emergency, follow the instructions provided by the physician on the student’s emergency action care plan.

Additional concerns school and transportation staff need to prepare for in an emergency include:

- Who will give epinephrine? (Note the time the device was used – and write it on the device, if possible – for first responders)
- Who will call 9-1-1 and by what method?
- Who will retrieve the second epinephrine auto-injector and where will it be stored?
- Who will ride with the student to the hospital and how will other students get to school or home?
- Who will contact the parents?
- Where will the emergency numbers for the parents be located?
- Who will comfort remaining students and notify their parents (if needed)?

For more information, visit FAACT’s Education Center for Transportation Personnel.