

# Know the FAACTs

## 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](#).