

## **GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

### **FACT SHEET**

## **Use of Epinephrine Auto-injector in the School**

**NOTE:** School staff is advised by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to administer epinephrine auto-injector **IMMEDIATELY** upon exposure of the child to the identified allergen. An ambulance is called and the child is transported to the hospital.

This procedure **CANNOT** be varied.

**PHYSICIAN:** Please complete the physician section of the “Request and Authorization for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-injector at School” form in its entirety. The specific ALLERGEN that causes the anaphylactic reaction must be identified.

### **PARENTS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TOO!**

As a parent, it is **your responsibility** to:

1. Notify the school principal when an epinephrine auto-injector has been prescribed by the physician and ensure that the “Request and Authorization for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-injector at School” form is completed and submitted to the principal;
2. Supply the school with epinephrine auto-injector in the **ORIGINAL** container with the prescription label;
3. Be aware of the expiry dates and **PROVIDE** new epinephrine auto-injector to the school as needed;
4. Check the epinephrine auto-injectors once a month for discolouration in the clear plastic area which would indicate the need for replacement;
5. Provide the school principal with at least two photographs of your child; and
6. Participate in the creation of your child’s Epinephrine Auto-injector Emergency Treatment Plan.

**WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR CHILD WEAR A MEDIC ALERT BRACELET AT ALL TIMES.**