

MANAGING FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

Identify Food Allergies and Intolerances



- Set up a system for identifying students with food allergies and intolerances. This system must be clear and known to all.
- Programs that use trays should use red ones to identify children with a food allergy or intolerance. Red trays must be washed every day according to MAPAQ's 4 step dishwashing method.

Cross-Contamination



- Allergens must never be in contact with other food or kitchen tools (knives, cutting boards, bowls, etc.)
- Proper hand washing with soap and warm water should be done after handling food that may contain allergens.
- Avoid cross-contamination by preparing breakfast for students with food allergies and intolerances first.

Health Records



- Allergy alerts for students with allergies or intolerances (provided by the school) must be easily visible and displayed where children eat (breakfast room or classrooms).
- If it's a student's first visit to Breakfast Club and they have a food allergy or intolerance, make sure the food served to them is allergen-free. Be sure to add their health information to your records and post an allergy alert.

Auto-Injector



- For EpiPen administration, the school can make sure that the school's club coordinator is trained on how to administer the auto-injector.
- A reminder sheet "Anaphylaxis Use of the auto-injector" is also available on the Club's website or at www.EpiPen.ca.
- If EpiPen is administered to a student, call 911 and promptly notify the school secretary so they can contact the parents.

Food Delivered by Breakfast Club of Canada



- The school must send their program support coordinator a list of allergens that are deemed too difficult or dangerous to manage regardless of whether they are currently included in the breakfast menu. The program support coordinator will ensure that no products that contain these allergens are sent to the school.
- The school is responsible for informing Breakfast Club of Canada of any change to the list of banned allergens during the school year.