

Information for families who have children with Allergies

Barrow Street recognizes the need for the administration of medication when children are here with us.

In the case of Epi-Pens, emergency inhalers for asthma attacks and Benadryl only, **you** must provide training to the teachers.

The most common medications and conditions include:

- Epinephrine auto injector devices (EpiPen®) for severe allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock)
- Inhalers and nebulizers for asthma
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) when a physician's orders state that Benadryl must be administered in combination with the auto-injector to combat anaphylactic shock.

In order for us to administer medication, appropriate forms must be submitted to Sonia Irizarry (sirizarry@greenwichhouse.org, faxed to 212-633-1209 or mailed to 27 Barrow Street, NY, NY 10014).

1. Talk to your child's teacher about your child's condition.
2. Demonstrate in detail how you administer the medication. We may view on-line videos together, for example and practice with the medication device.
3. Form 1: Complete an **Individual Health Care Plan** for your child (form enclosed).
4. Form 2: Complete your section of the form on the second page of the **Written Medication Consent form** (form enclosed).
5. Form 2: Have your doctor complete the remainder of the **Written Medication Consent form** (form enclosed; to find a copy google: "ocfs written medication form"). **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DOCTOR IS COMPLETING THIS FORM IN DETAIL.**
 - a. The doctor consent expires in 6 months from the date it was signed by the doctor. Please mark your calendar and take care of this ahead of time. This will avoid you child missing school. **If it is not updated in 6 months, your child cannot attend school.**
6. Form 3: Complete the **Food Allergy Action Plan form** (form enclosed) and make sure it is signed by your doctor.
7. Provide medication in the original, labeled container to teacher.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call Sonia at 212-633-1203.

NOTE: This brief memo does not cover all situations. If your child has a specific situation not covered, please contact Alyssa Fraser (afraser@greenwichhouse.org) to discuss.