

Food Allergy and Health Policy

To keep our classroom area safe, the following policy is in place. Some children and adults have anaphylactic reactions to foods such as peanuts and other nuts. This is a very serious and LIFE THREATENING allergy.

Parents

1. If a child needs an epi-pen, it needs to be brought in with that child's belongings when he or she comes to church school
2. The parent is responsible for administering the epi-pen if necessary. The parent may remain in the classroom with the child, stay within earshot of the child, keep the child with him or her in the sanctuary, or use the pager system.

Teachers and Nursery Volunteers

1. Prior to entering the nursery or classroom ALL PERSONS (Children, Parents, Teachers, Volunteers) need to wash their hands with soap and water, or hand sanitizer to remove any allergens from their hands.
2. The surface of tables and chairs must be wiped with bleach-based sanitizing wipes, followed by a dry CLEAN paper towel to clean allergens from surfaces, prior to children entering the nursery or classrooms.
3. So toys can be kept clean and contamination avoided, they will be kept in plastic bins and moved outside the nursery in case others use the church during the week, stuffed animals will not be added to the nursery.
4. The nursery is for children, birth through age 2 at the beginning of the school year.
5. There will be no food in the nursery or classrooms unless teachers have notified parents and received their agreement prior to class.
6. Evaluation of this policy will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each church school year.

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