

A medical alert condition is defined as a medically diagnosed, potentially life-threatening health condition that may require emergency medical care while at school.

<p><i>Medical Alert Conditions</i> INCLUDE:</p>	<p><i>Medical Alert Conditions</i> DO NOT INCLUDE:</p>
<p>Anaphylaxis: past history of a severe allergic reaction/s which required or may require emergency care and use of adrenalin (e.g., severe insect bite or food allergy — i.e., peanuts)</p>	<p>Mild allergies that do not require urgent intervention or allergies to medications which can be avoided at school</p>
<p>Asthma: a past history of episodes requiring immediate medical treatment; include those children who may need assistance using inhalant medications</p>	<p>Controlled, stable asthma (needs reliever inhaler less than once/week): stable — no hospitalizations within last 2 years</p>
<p>Blood clotting disorders: that require immediate medical care in the event of injury (e.g., haemophilia)</p>	<p>Students with a diagnosed weakened immunity due to illness or medications (e.g., chemotherapy). Note: It is important that school staff are aware of immune-compromised students in case there is a communicable disease outbreak, but these students are not included on the medical alert list.</p>
<p>Diabetes</p>	
<p>Heart conditions: that may require emergency intervention</p>	
<p>Seizure disorder: ongoing, requiring intervention</p>	<p>One time seizure over one year ago</p>
<p>Other special medical needs - potentially life-threatening conditions or if those that are likely to need emergency support for current health state (e.g., airway management, complex cardiac problems, tube feeds)</p>	<p>Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorders, behavioural issues</p>



Date: September 4, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Children with Health Conditions

School staff recognizes there are students with health conditions that may impact the student's ability to function while at school. If your child has such a health condition, it is your responsibility to inform school staff so we can support your child.

LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

Please let the school staff know if your child has a life-threatening health condition that may require emergency assistance while at school such as:

- ◆ Diabetes
- ◆ Serious heart conditions
- ◆ Blood clotting disorders
- ◆ Anaphylactic or severe allergies to food or insect stings
- ◆ Asthma that has resulted in hospitalization in the past year
- ◆ Epilepsy with a history of tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures in the past two years
- ◆ Other health conditions, which require emergency care

School staff in partnership with you will develop a plan to ensure the safety of your child at school. This includes determining how best to respond to an emergency situation, ensuring school staff are aware of your child's health condition and emergency care, delegating staff to administer emergency medications, and providing education to other students.

School personnel will contact you every year to review your child's health condition, emergency treatment and to update the "Medical Alert List" that notifies staff of the appropriate response in an emergency. It is your responsibility to inform school staff, discuss your child's health condition with teachers and notify school staff if your child's health condition changes.

NON-LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

If your child has a non-life threatening health condition (i.e., vision problem, hearing problem, activity limitation, mental health condition), which may affect his/her ability to function at school, please inform one of our school secretaries. The school may not keep this information from year to year. It is your responsibility to inform school staff and teachers at the beginning of each school year.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WITH MEDICATIONS

School staff will give or supervise medications under the following conditions:

- (1) they are required in emergency situations,
- (2) they are required for one month or longer and must be given during school hours.

If your child requires assistance or supervision of medications under these conditions, you need to obtain a "Medication Administration Form" from school staff and complete it in conjunction with your physician. You must return the signed form along with the prescribed medication before as soon as possible. These steps must be followed before medication will be given to your child. **No medications will be given without authorization from a physician.**

Vice Principal
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