

Allergy awareness saves lives.



DID YOU KNOW?

- All students with allergies must have a red alert card.
- Each kitchen bin must contain an allergy list for that classroom (and for all visiting children). This list is placed on top of the food when transported to classrooms making it necessary for the teacher to lift, read, and review allergies one last time before serving items.
- Teachers must verbally convey all allergy risks to person who relieves them.
- A current allergy list must be placed in the classroom operations binder and reviewed daily for accuracy.

DO: Be alert! Your effort can save a child's life.

DO: Read every label, every time.

DO: Understand the allergy alert procedures.

DO: Explain the allergy policies to all parents.

DO: Educate coworkers about allergies and cross contamination.

DO: Enforce the hand-washing protocol.

DO NOT: Allow children to share food.

DO NOT: Use food items for behavior management.

Never assume someone is aware of allergy details; ask questions and educate coworkers & families.

OCFS Regulation 418-1.8 (a) The child day care center must employ or have available staff who will promote the physical, intellectual, social, cultural and emotional well-being of the children.

MSA High Quality Indicator 9.3b The entity has effective procedures to address the needs of children with food allergies.



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