



Policy for Enrolling a Child with Severe, Life-threatening Allergies

Children with severe allergies, such as allergies to bee stings, peanut products, dairy, etc., may be at risk of a serious allergic reaction while participating in a Park District program due to contact with, or ingestion of the allergen. The Oswegoland Park District cannot guarantee an allergen free environment, but with your cooperation we can create a safer environment and be better prepared to handle emergencies. The Park District will make reasonable, feasible, and practical accommodations to allow children with life-threatening allergies to participate in our programs. We recommend that the parent or guardian provides the following forms and information to the Park District staff before registering their child for a program.

Reasonable Time...

A period of at least **seven days** from the time of enrollment until the child's first day of attendance is required to allow Park District staff time to make accommodations and to train appropriate staff.

Authorization...

Oswegoland Park District's "**Authorization for Treatment**" and "**Authorization to Administer Medication**" forms must be filled out and signed by the child's parent/guardian and the child's physician. These authorizations must be updated every program season, or more frequently, as needed. These forms will provide the Park District with the information to provide a safer environment and to be better prepared to handle emergencies. The parent/guardian shall also provide any additional physician's orders and procedural guidelines relating to the prevention and treatment of the child's allergy.

Waiver...

A signed copy of Oswegoland Park District's "**Release and Waiver of Liability for Administering Emergency Treatment to Children with Severe Allergies**" must be provided at the time of registration. The Waiver releases Oswegoland Park District and its employees from liability for administering treatment to children with severe allergies, including the administration of epinephrine, and taking any other necessary actions set forth in the Authorization Forms, provided that Oswegoland Park District exercises reasonable care in taking such actions. A child with a severe allergy will not be allowed to participate in a Park District program until the parent or guardian signs the Waiver of Liability for Administering Emergency Treatment to Children with Severe Allergies.

Medication...

All **equipment and medications** needed by Oswegoland Park District to comply with the instructions set forth in the authorization forms must be provided prior to the child attending a Park District program. The parent/guardian is responsible to provide medication that is properly labeled by a pharmacist, in its original container, and replaced prior to the expiration date.

Training for Emergency Treatment...

Prior to the child's first day of attendance, the **parent/guardian/designee is responsible for training** selected members of the Park District staff, including but not limited to the Policy Administrator, the Program Supervisor, and the child's teacher on the following:

- Nature of the child's allergy
- Events/substances that may trigger allergic reaction
- Limitations on the child's food consumption
- Symptoms of an allergic reaction
- When and how to administer treatment for an allergic reaction

All Park District staff that may have contact with the child will be trained to know:

- Nature of the child's allergy
- Symptoms of an allergic reaction