



DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dear DuPage County District Superintendents, School Principals, and Nurses:

The DuPage County Health Department is pleased to continue providing you with resources to implement Illinois' Emergency Epinephrine Act in DuPage County schools. With life-threatening allergies among children on the rise, this law permits Illinois schools to keep on hand a supply of potentially life-saving epinephrine auto-injectors, more commonly known as "EpiPens."

Under the Act, school nurses can administer EpiPens to students who go into anaphylactic shock, a life-threatening allergic reaction – regardless of what their medical records show and without a prescription on file. The Act also allows any authorized school personnel to administer an EpiPen on a student who has their own, personal prescription for an EpiPen.

In order for schools to obtain EpiPens, the Act allows physicians to write prescriptions in the name of a school district on nonpublic school, instead of a single patient.

If you would like to request or renew prescriptions through the DuPage County Health Department, please complete one prescription form and one standing order form for your school district and email to Bev Govednik at: bgovedni@dupagehealth.org. She will help facilitate district and school requests in coordination with school nurses.

Mylan, the manufacturer of EpiPen and EpiPen Jr., continues to offer two FREE 2-packs to schools in the U.S. Schools can choose to order a 2-pack for each dosage or two 2-packs of one dosage. Each 2-pack will also include a training device. This offer is available to public and private kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high schools in the U.S which have a valid prescription for the auto-injectors. Schools may place an order online at www.epipen4schools.com.

Thank you for your time and cooperation, and best wishes for a healthy and productive academic year.

Sincerely,

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Medical Officer

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Executive Director

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