

SAFETY BULLETIN

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Schools Responsible to Stock EpiPens® and Train on Use.

As of January 1, 2015, California law (SB 1266) requires all public schools to stock epinephrine auto-injectors and train volunteers to administer the life-saving medication. When treating anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reactions, time is of the essence. Having a trained school nurse or volunteer who can recognize and treat anaphylaxis quickly is not only prudent, it is now mandatory.

Two Sizes:

There are two sizes of EpiPens®: one for those weighing 66lbs or more (identified by yellow color) and one for those weighing 33-66lbs (identified by a green color). It is important to have the right injectors for your student population. According to Education Code section 49414, a qualified supervisor of health at a school district, county office of education, or charter school must obtain a prescription from an authorizing physician for each school.

Training Requirements

There are specific training requirements which must be met annually for each person who is designated to administer the EpiPens®, as well as an annual notice that must be sent out.

For more information and a training video that meets the requirements, go to <http://www.sia-jpa.org/resources/online-training/epi-pen-training-video/>

Free EpiPens® and Refills:

To order FREE EpiPens®, obtain your school's prescription and go to the epipen4schools website: <https://www.epipen4schools.com/>

For any questions regarding this Safety Bulletin, or requests for free onsite safety classes, please contact Kurt Walling, the Loss Prevention Manager for STSIG at kwalling@stsig.org, or 530-221-6444.

And remember: *Stay Alert, Stay Alive!*