



# Wheaton Park District

## **Wheaton Park District Allergy Guidelines**

The Wheaton Park District requests the cooperation of parents with children in our programs to partner with us in promoting a safe environment for children with allergies. The District will attempt to accommodate each program participant who has such an allergy and has identified the following operational practices:

- Parents with children who have an allergy should identify the child's specific allergy (ies) on their registration and notify the staff on the first day of class concerning the details of the allergy.
- Program staff are certified in CPR/First Aid and trained in Epi-Pen practices.
- Once an allergy has been identified as requiring medication during class parents must complete a Wheaton Park District Permission to Dispense Medication/Waiver and Release of All Claims. The form(s) must be turned in with the medication in its original packaging on the first class. Staff will store medication with forms in a locked and secure area and only to be dispensed and logged by the lead instructor.
- When an accommodation request is made for a severe allergy, staff will meet with the parents to explore and identify strategies, procedures and emergency measures for inside the classroom.
- Staff will do their best to monitor foods that may pose a potential harm to the allergic child. However, since many items may be without their original packaging, it is not feasible to ensure a 100% nut-free or allergen-free environment.
- A nut-free eating table will be available.
- Increased hand washing and surface cleaning, by staff will occur.
- If providing snacks at a program, event, or league sports please share snacks only with registered participants. Do not share snacks with siblings or spectators.
- Allergy awareness talk with program participants will occur and be repeated as enrollment dictates.

While the Wheaton Park District is committed to monitoring foods and responsibly limiting potential food allergens, the District cannot guarantee a 100% nut-free or allergen-free environment.