

Policy Regarding Epinephrine Pre-filled Auto-injectors in Faith Formation

Parent/Guardian present during Religious Education Classes: A parent/guardian of the child, or a “designee” appointed by the parent/guardian, must be present in the building during the class period to administer the epinephrine with a pre-filled auto-injector should it be necessary. Such a parent/guardian must fulfill the requirement of the Child Protection Policy, undergo the background check and attend Protecting God’s Children as required by the policy. A “designee” selected by the parent/guardian must be approved by the Parish Faith Formation Leader and must meet the requirements for “designees” as outlined below. The parent/guardian must complete the **“Epinephrine Administration Consent Form”** and return it to the Parish Faith Formation Office. This form must be renewed on a yearly basis. *(See form below.)*

Designee: *A designee is someone who the Parish Faith Formation Leader has approved to be present during Faith Formation classes in order to administer the epinephrine with a pre-filled auto-injector should it be required. The designee must be trained and certified for this purpose by an organization accredited to provide such certification. This certification must be kept current and documentation of this certification for each designee must be kept on file by the Parish Faith Formation Leader.*

Also Note with respect to the emergency administration of epinephrine:

- In cases where the parents/guardians, or a “designee” selected by the parents/guardians, are on premises to administer the epinephrine, they understand that they are responsible for bringing the pre-filled auto-injector with them to every session and take it home with them after every session. In cases where the parents/guardians, or a “designee” selected by the parents/guardians, are on premises to administer the epinephrine, they understand that they are responsible for having the pre-filled auto-injector containing epinephrine on their person at all times while present at program sessions.
- Should the administration of the epinephrine be required, emergency ambulance services must be called immediately via 911 and the patient must be transported to the hospital emergency room for further treatment once the epinephrine has been administered. This treatment and course of action cannot be refused by the patient nor by the parents/guardians of the patient. This requirement applies even if the student’s symptoms appear to have resolved.

The parish faith formation program ensures all program parents/guardians are aware of the policy when the parents/guardians sign and acknowledge receipt of the parent handbook. In cases where the parish needs to implement this policy, the parents/guardians of the child who is prescribed epinephrine to be administered via a pre-filled auto-injector must also sign the Epinephrine Administration Consent Form in addition to the parent/guardian handbook acknowledgment.

- a. The parents or guardians of the student consent in writing to the administration of the epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism according to the Epinephrine Administration Consent.
- b. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to inform the parish faith formation leader at the time of registration that they have a child who is prescribed epinephrine to be administered via a pre-filled auto-injector. Parents must also inform the parish faith formation leader if their child is prescribed epinephrine at any point during the year.
- c. The parish faith formation leader informs the parents or guardians of the student in writing that the parish and its employees and agents shall have no liability as a result of any injury arising from the administration of the epinephrine to the student.
- d. By signing the appropriate the Epinephrine Administration Consent Form, the parents or guardians of the student sign a statement acknowledging their understanding that the parish and its employees and agents shall have no liability as a result of any injury arising from the administration of the epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to the student and that the parents or guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the parish and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the administration of the epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to the student.
- e. The permission is effective for the program year for which it is granted but must be renewed for each subsequent program year upon fulfillment of the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (d) above.

Epinephrine Administration Consent Form

Administration by Parent/Guardian of the child

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Receipt, Review and Consent To All Terms And Provisions
of Parish Faith Formation Program Policy Regarding Epinephrine administration via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism

Catechetical Year/Effective Dates: _____ to _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I/We, _____ the parent/guardian of _____
Parent/guardian Name Child's Name

understand that I/We, or the named designee _____, will be present in
Name of *Parent Selected Designee

the building during Faith Formation classes in order to administer epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to my own child should it be required. I/We understand I/We must fulfill the requirements of the Child Protection Policy, undergo the background check and attend Protecting God's Children as required by the policy.

With respect to the emergency administration of epinephrine we also understand that:

PLEASE INITIAL EACH STATEMENT IN THE BOX:

- a. By signing this form the parents or guardians, or their *selected "designee", of the student consent to being present in the building, during the faith formation program times in order to administer the epinephrine to their own child via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism should it be required.
- b. *The parents/guardians understand that their selected designee must be approved by the Parish Faith Formation Leader, must be trained and certified for this purpose by an organization accredited to provide such certification and must fulfill the requirements of the Archdiocese of Newark Child Protection Policy.
- c. The parents/guardians, or their selected "designee", understand that they are responsible for bringing the pre-filled auto-injector with them to every session and take it home with them after every session.
- d. In cases where the parents/guardians are on premises to administer the epinephrine, they understand that they are responsible for having the pre-filled auto-injector containing epinephrine on their person at all times while present at program sessions.
- e. If and when a student is injected with epinephrine, 911 must be called and the student must be transported to a hospital emergency room by emergency services personnel. This treatment and course of action cannot be refused by the patient nor the parents/guardians of the patient. This requirement applies even if the student's symptoms appear to have resolved.
- f. The Parish Faith Formation Leader has informed the parents or guardians of the student that the parish and its employees and agents shall have no liability as a result of any injury arising from the administration of the epinephrine to the student.
- g. By signing this form the parents or guardians of the student are acknowledging their understanding that the parish and its employees and agents shall have no liability as a result of any injury arising from the administration of the epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to the student and that the parents or guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the parish and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the administration of the epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to the student.
- h. This permission is effective for the program year for which it is granted but must be renewed for each subsequent program year upon fulfillment of the requirements of paragraphs a. through f. above.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name Date Parent Designee Printed Name (if applicable) Date

Parent or Guardian signature Date Parent Designee signature (if applicable) Date

Date received by parish catechetical program: _____

Signature of Parish Faith Formation Staff