MEDICAL ALERT

There are students in school who may require emergency care by school staff. These conditions are physician diagnosed, and potentially life threatening. They require planned care and support inside, as well as outside the school environment, e.g. on field trips, riding a school bus etc.

LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Anaphylaxis and/or history of severe allergic reaction
- Severe asthma
- Blood clotting disorders such as hemophilia
- Serious heart conditions
- Other conditions which may require emergency care in the school setting

To support the school in providing for the safety of your child

1. Give your school the correct information about your child’s medical condition when you register by filling out the “Medical Alert Planning Form”.

2. If medication is needed at school that requires help from a school employee, fill out the “Request for Medication Administration at School Form” including the information required in Part B. If your child rides a school bus, ensure that the “Medical Alert Planning Form” is marked to indicate this.

3. Talk to your Public Health Nurse about how training can be provided for the school staff members and in your child's classroom.

4. Review the “Medical Alert Planning Form” each September and at any time there is a change in your child’s classroom.

5. Have your physician complete the “Request for Medication Administration at School Form” or attach a duplicate pharmacy label of prescription medication each year before school starts, and at any time that there is a change in your child’s medication.

6. Give medication to your school in the original container and replace it when it is outdated. Provide equipment to give medication, e.g. measuring spoon. Remove the medication supply from the school at the end of the school year.

7. Encourage your child to inform close friends of their medical alert condition and the location of their medication at school.

8. Your child should wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Ask at your drug store or call Medic-Alert at 1-800-668-1507. Forms can be obtained at: www.medicalert.ca

Medical alert response may include: administration of medication, calling 911 and contacting parents/guardians.
RESOURCES

- Allergy Asthma Information Association
  - www.aia.ca
  - B.C./Yukon Regional Coordinator
    Toll Free: 1-877-500-2242
  - Community Asthma Care Centre (Kelowna)
    (250) 862-4222

- Interior Health Authority
  - www.interiorhealth.ca

- Canadian Diabetes Association
  - www.diabetes.ca
  - (250) 762-9447
  - Kelowna Diabetic Education Centre
    (250) 980-1400

- Canadian Hemophilia Society BC Chapter
  - (604) 688-8186
  - www.hemophilia.ca

- British Columbia Epilepsy Society
  - (604) 875-6704
  - www.bcepilepsy.com

- Food Allergy Canada
  - http://foodallergycanada.ca

For additional information on Resources, contact Kelowna Community Resource & Crisis Centre at (250) 763-8008.

TEAM MEMBERS

- STUDENTS
- PARENT/GUARDIAN
- SCHOOL
- DOCTOR
- NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES
- PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to inform the school of their child’s medical alert condition. The joint partnership between team members: students, parent/guardian, school, physician, Nursing Support Services and Public Health Nurse will work to support the health and safety of your child.

Parents may request “Administrative Guidelines for Managing Students with Medical Alert Conditions within School District #23” from your Principal or the School Board office.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF
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