

STOCKING EPINEPHRINE IN YOUR SCHOOLS!



Did you know you can get **FREE epinephrine** to stock in your local schools or school district? Seeing as 1 in 13 children are affected by food allergies in the U.S., it's important to be prepared for potential reactions. In addition, according to FARE, **Approximately 20-25 percent of epinephrine administrations in schools involve individuals whose allergy was unknown at the time of the reaction.** This should be more than enough reason for a school to stock undesignated epinephrine.

Almost every state in the U.S. has a law or guideline established to either allow or require stock epinephrine in schools. While there are guidelines or laws, not many schools take the initiative to stock it. That's where you can support them!

To find out your current legislation laws or guidelines, visit [School Epinephrine Legislation](#) on the Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) website.

EpiPen4Schools Program Information

BioRidge Pharma facilitates the fulfillment and certification of the EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. school program! Qualifying schools in the U.S. (elementary, middle, and high schools) can receive up to 4 free EpiPens in packs of two, per school, per year. This could be one of each pack (EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. or two of the same dosage packs). It also includes FREE replenishment of the EpiPens if they are used. The best part is that their program is actually pretty simple:

1. Create an online profile for the school **(School does this)**
2. Complete and submit free certification form **(School does this)**
3. Submit prescription from licensed physician for desired EpiPens or complete standing order forms. We had our allergist as the prescribing physician. I connected them with the appropriate contact in the school district to determine the quantity and dosage amounts. **(You and school work together)**

Information for Program: <https://www.epipen4schools.com/>

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STOCKING EPINEPHRINE IN YOUR SCHOOLS: CHECKLIST

Follow this simple checklist to get epinephrine stocked in your schools!

- STEP 1:** Find contact information for appropriate school district representative. I contacted the assistant superintendent based on my conversation with our school nurse. May also consider talking to school nurse to ensure they are on your team and support you for this!
- STEP 2:** Send email asking for meeting. Explain purpose of meeting and the importance of stock epinephrine. (See next page for some suggested copy!)
- STEP 3:** Prior to meeting, contact your allergist or physician to confirm they would be willing to write the prescriptions.
- STEP 4:** Have meeting and discuss importance of stock epinephrine. This is where you get to share the no-cost solution to stocking epinephrine through the EpiPens4School Program. They only have a little bit of paperwork on their end and assuring policies are in place. Also mention that you have a physician willing to write the prescriptions!
- STEP 5:** After meeting, send a follow-up email thanking them for their time and sharing all relevant information for them to proceed. Make sure to include the links to create the profile on the website that also has the forms they would fill out for certification. (See next page for suggested copy!)
- STEP 6:** Send a separate email connecting the school-preferred contact and the prescribing physician so they can coordinate quantity to submit. In our case, the individual who ended up coordinating much of these was the person who oversees all the school nurses and equity for children in our school district.
- STEP 7:** Celebrate! From this point on, if they agreed to carry it, take a moment to celebrate how you've advocated for ALL children and adults with food allergies in the school district!

STOCKING EPINEPHRINE IN YOUR SCHOOLS: EMAILS

Not sure how to get started? Here is some sample email copy to use! Just make sure to update with your personal touch and information!

INTRODUCTION EMAIL:

Hello (NAME),

My name is (NAME) and I'm reaching out to you today regarding food allergies.

As a parent of a (CHILD/CHILDREN) who has food allergies, it's important to me to advocate for families and children with food allergies to create and promote safe environments and activities for all.

One of the initiatives I wanted to reach out to you about today was implementing stock epinephrine in our district schools.

Did you know, according to FARE (Food Allergy Research and Education), that approximately 20-25 percent of epinephrine administrations in schools involve individuals whose allergy was unknown at the time of the reaction?

Having stock epinephrine in the schools not only supports the above scenario, but also supports those with diagnosed food allergies who may not have two injectors or may not have one at school. Being prepared is the best scenario for those with food allergies.

I also have some information I'd like to share with you on how the district can receive epinephrine at no cost to the schools.

I would very much appreciate a meeting with you to discuss how to move forward on this initiative and create a plan for implementation.

I look forward to hearing from you and your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,
NAME

FOLLOW-UP EMAIL:

Hello (NAME),

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me on (DATE). Below are the two websites that explain the program and details to acquire free EpiPens for the district schools.

<https://www.epipen.com/en/hcp/for-health-care-partners/for-school-nurses>

<https://www.epipen4schools.com/>

Here are the steps you/your team would need to follow:

- Create online profile <https://www.epipen4schools.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMembers%2fOrderStep1%2f>
- Submit free certification form
- Submit either standing order forms OR prescription from physician (I have a physician ready and willing to write the prescriptions if you'd like!)

Below is also the contact information for the program if you should have any specific questions:

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Please let me know how I can assist with anything else. I look forward to working on this with you and the district team to implement.

Thank you,
NAME