

# Anaphylactic Policy

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## Policy Statement

Junction Daycare Centre (JDC) takes allergies and anaphylaxis very seriously and we rely on all staff, parents, guardians and children to do their part in keeping our community safe.

This policy is intended to help support the needs of a child with a severe allergy and increase awareness about anaphylaxis with everyone involved at the daycare. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction and can be life threatening. The allergy may be related to food, insect stings, medicine, latex, etc.

As a program that operates within a Toronto District School Board facility, this policy exists in conjunction with the Anaphylaxis and Allergies policies and guidelines maintained by the Annette Street Public School and High Park Alternative School. It will be reviewed every school year in cooperation with the school policies.

## Policy Details

Several children within the daycare and school community have severe life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and sesame seeds. Some examples of Tree Nuts are: Almonds, Pistachios, Cashews, Walnuts, Pecans, Pine Nuts, Hazelnuts, Chestnuts and Brazil Nuts. To ensure their safety we ask parents not to send snacks or lunches to school, daycare or events and trips off school grounds that contain any of these ingredients. This includes items that may be at risk for cross-contamination. There are also members of our daycare and school community with severe allergies to shellfish, dairy, egg, avocado and latex.

Junction Daycare Centre (JDC) will make reasonable best efforts to reduce the risk of exposure in the daycare to anaphylactic causative agents by doing the following:

- All parents fill out medical information on their children as part of registration process. The supervisor and JDC staff will work with the family to devise a reasonable strategy to ensure the safety of children with an anaphylactic allergy
- Any foods, materials that children have known allergies to, will not be used for craft, sensory programming and cooking activities.
- Age appropriate programming will be included to ensure children learn how to support this policy (washing hands, not sharing food).
- JDC will make reasonable best efforts to ensure that food purchased for and served at JDC is “nut free”. JDC will make reasonable best efforts to read the ingredient list on the packaging of all food products purchased to ensure that JDC does not purchase or serve food products that include nut products or state “may contain nuts or traces of nuts”.
- Outside food is not permitted at JDC for special events/sharing (all classrooms)
- Outside food is not permitted at JDC in the programs where meals are provided (Pre-school, Junior School Age). The exception to this is where the children have a special diet which cannot be provided by the daycare. In this case, parents must make their own arrangements as per the guidelines in this policy. That arrangement must be approved by the supervisor so they can manage and communicate with the rest of the staff.
- For children in programs where meals are not provided (Kindergarten, Senior School Age and 9+ rooms), the children must bring their lunch and snacks to eat during the school day under the supervision of the TDSB staff. For all school age programs, the children must be permitted to bring and store outside food (lunch and/or snacks) within JDC to be taken with them to school. Staff, children and families are aware of the shared responsibility between JDC and the TDSB to strive to be a "nut free" environment and are asked to prepare and send "nut free" lunches and snacks.

**It is a collaborative effort among staff, parents and children to make the JDC, High Park Alternative and Annette Street Public School a safe environment for all children.**

## Compliance and Monitoring

On admission, all parents will sign a copy of this policy.

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 I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read and discussed this information with my child/children \_\_\_\_\_.

I will support this policy and I am aware that any foods that may present a risk to anaphylactic children will be confiscated and that I will be contacted regarding this issue.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signed copies of the policy will be kept on file in the Junction Daycare office and will be maintained by the Junction Daycare Supervisor.

## Related Policies and Procedures

Please refer to the JDC Anaphylactic Procedures Document for details to support this policy.

This policy replaces the existing Anaphylactic Policy JDCC 2015.

## Commencement and Review

Revision	Date	Description of changes	Approval
First approval:	10/2015	New	JDC Board of Directors
[Revision #]		[List change as major or minor and describe nature of change]	

**Next Scheduled Review Date: 09/2016**