# FARE Food Allergy Research & Education — FOOD ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS EMERGENCY CARE PLAN

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Allergic to: _____

Weight: _____ lbs. Asthma: ☐ **Yes (higher risk for a severe reaction)** ☐ **No**

**PLACE PICTURE HERE**

**NOTE: Do not depend on antihistamines or inhalers (bronchodilators) to treat a severe reaction. USE EPINEPHRINE.**

**Extremely reactive to the following allergens:** _____

THEREFORE:

☐ If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was LIKELY eaten, for ANY symptoms.

☐ If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was DEFINITELY eaten, even if no symptoms are apparent.

FOR **ANY** OF THE FOLLOWING:

## **SEVERE** SYMPTOMS

**LUNG**
Shortness of breath, wheezing, repetitive cough

**HEART**
Pale or bluish skin, faintness, weak pulse, dizziness

**THROAT**
Tight or hoarse throat, trouble breathing or swallowing

**MOUTH**
Significant swelling of the tongue or lips

**SKIN**
Many hives over body, widespread redness

**GUT**
Repetitive vomiting, severe diarrhea

**OTHER**
Feeling something bad is about to happen, anxiety, confusion

**OR A COMBINATION** of symptoms from different body areas.

1. **INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**
2. **Call 911.** Tell emergency dispatcher the person is having anaphylaxis and may need epinephrine when emergency responders arrive.

- Consider giving additional medications following epinephrine:
  - » Antihistamine
  - » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if wheezing
- Lay the person flat, raise legs and keep warm. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.
- If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
- Alert emergency contacts.
- Transport patient to ER, even if symptoms resolve. Patient should remain in ER for at least 4 hours because symptoms may return.

## **MILD** SYMPTOMS

**NOSE**
Itchy or runny nose, sneezing

**MOUTH**
Itchy mouth

**SKIN**
A few hives, mild itch

**GUT**
Mild nausea or discomfort

FOR **MILD SYMPTOMS** FROM **MORE THAN ONE** SYSTEM AREA, GIVE EPINEPHRINE.

FOR **MILD SYMPTOMS** FROM **A SINGLE SYSTEM** AREA, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Antihistamines may be given, if ordered by a healthcare provider.
2. Stay with the person; alert emergency contacts.
3. Watch closely for changes. If symptoms worsen, give epinephrine.

## MEDICATIONS/DOSES

Epinephrine Brand or Generic: _____

Epinephrine Dose: ☐ 0.1 mg IM ☐ 0.15 mg IM ☐ 0.3 mg IM

Antihistamine Brand or Generic: _____

Antihistamine Dose: _____

Other (e.g., inhaler-bronchodilator if wheezing): _____

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PATIENT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE DATE PHYSICIAN/HCP AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE DATE

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