

Holy Family Prescription Drug and Epinephrine Policy

As in all we do here at Holy Family, our highest priority is the safety of your children. We have noticed an ever growing need for safety in regards to severe allergies and prescription drugs. Our policy regarding prescription drugs (including EpiPens) is below:

Faith Formation Classes (K-12)

Prescription Drugs

Medication of any kind is not to be brought to faith formation classes. If a child needs to take medication, we ask that they do so before or after they come to class. If there is a special circumstance, please speak to the Director of Youth Formation prior to the start of class.

Epinephrine

If your child has a severe allergy that can result in anaphylaxis and has a need for an EpiPen, please note this on your faith formation registration form and notify the Director of Youth Formation. Since we are not a school, we are not required by law to carry an EpiPen at the church. So please know that WE DO NOT HAVE AN EPIPEN ON SITE. If your child is old enough to self-carry/ self-administer and needs to carry it with them to class, we will need a doctor's note on file stating this.

In the case of an emergency, please be aware that we cannot guarantee that someone will be present who is properly trained to administer an EpiPen. All of our catechists and assistants are volunteers and they will not be given the responsibility to carry an EpiPen for a child.

Retreats and other overnight activities

Prescription Drugs

Medication of any kind must be given to the Director of Youth Formation (or the chaperone in charge) at the overnight event. At the designated time, the child must get the appropriate dosage from the Director or chaperone and take the medicine in front of them.

All prescription drugs must be in the original bottle so it is clear to the Director and/or the chaperone carrying it what the medication is and the correct dosage prescribed. Prescription drugs should NEVER be given or sold to any other child other than the one to whom the medication is prescribed.

Epinephrine

If your child has a severe allergy that can result in anaphylaxis and has a need for an EpiPen, please note this on their permission form and notify the Director of Youth Formation the chaperone in charge (if the chaperone in charge is not the Director). Parents must work with the Director or head chaperone to see what kind of food will be served at the event and see if it is necessary for the child to pack their own food or for the event staff to take extra precautions.

We will not carry a general use EpiPen for the group so all children with this need must be able to self-carry/ self-administer. We will need a doctor's note stating this. Because all of our overnight events are different, we cannot guarantee there will be someone present in the case of an emergency who is qualified to administer the EpiPen.

***** Please note: At all events and faith formation classes, we have a basic first aid kit and basic over-the-counter drugs. When necessary and if approved by the parent, over-the-counter medication can be given to a child.**