

**Administration of
Epinephrine**

Definitions

Anaphylaxis
Campus

"Anaphylaxis" means a sudden, severe, and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen. *Education Code 51.881(2)*

"Campus" means an educational unit under the management and control of an institution of higher education and may include, in addition to the main campus, off-campus and secondary locations, such as branch campuses, teaching locations, and regional centers. *Education Code 51.881(3)*

Epinephrine
Auto-Injector

"Epinephrine auto-injector" means a disposable medical drug delivery device that contains a premeasured single dose of epinephrine that is intended to be used to treat anaphylaxis. *Education Code 51.881(4)*

Policy Permitted

Each institution of higher education may adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, storage, administration, and disposal of epinephrine auto-injectors on the institution's campus.

If a policy is adopted, the policy must provide that personnel or volunteers who are authorized and trained may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person who is reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis on the institution's campus and may provide that personnel or volunteers who are authorized and trained may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person who is reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis at an off-campus event or while in transit to or from an off-campus event sponsored by the institution of higher education.

The commissioner of state health services with advice from the advisory committee shall adopt rules regarding the maintenance, storage, administration, and disposal of an epinephrine auto-injector on the campus of an institution of higher education that adopted a policy. The rules must establish:

1. The number of epinephrine auto-injectors available at each campus;
2. The process for each institution of higher education to check the inventory of epinephrine auto-injectors at regular intervals for expiration and replacement; and
3. The amount of training required for personnel or volunteers to administer an epinephrine auto-injector.

Each institution of higher education that adopts a policy:

1. Must require that the institution's campuses have personnel or volunteers authorized and trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector present; and

2. Shall include the policy in the institution's student handbook or similar publication and publish the policy on the institution's internet website.

An institution of higher education that adopts a policy shall submit to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) a copy of the policy and any amendment to the policy adopted by the institution. DSHS shall maintain a record of the most recent policy and amendments submitted by each institution and shall make that information available to the public on request.

Education Code 51.882(a)–(d), (f)

Report

Not later than the tenth business day after the date a personnel member or volunteer administers an epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with the policy, the institution of higher education shall report to the physician who prescribed the epinephrine auto-injector and the commissioner of state health services. The report must include the following information:

1. The age of the person who received the administration of the epinephrine auto-injector;
2. Whether the person who received the administration of the epinephrine auto-injector was a student, a personnel member, or a visitor;
3. The physical location where the epinephrine auto-injector was administered;
4. The number of doses of epinephrine auto-injector administered;
5. The title of the person who administered the epinephrine auto-injector; and
6. Any other information required by the commissioner of state health services.

Education Code 51.883

Employee Training

Each institution of higher education that adopts a policy is responsible for training personnel or volunteers in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector. The training must:

1. Include information on:
 - a. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis;
 - b. Administering an epinephrine auto-injector;
 - c. Implementing emergency procedures, if necessary, after administering an epinephrine auto-injector; and

- d. Properly disposing of used or expired epinephrine auto-injectors; and
2. Be provided in a formal training session or through online education and be completed annually.

Each institution of higher education that adopts a policy shall maintain records on the training required under this section.

Education Code 51.884

Prescription

A physician may prescribe, as described by Education Code 51.885, epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of an institution of higher education that adopts a policy. The physician shall provide the institution with a standing order for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, supervision or delegation by a physician is considered adequate if the physician periodically reviews the order and is available through direct telecommunication as needed for consultation, assistance, and direction.

Education Code 51.885(a), (c)

Storage

The supply of epinephrine auto-injectors at a campus must be stored in a secure location and be easily accessible to personnel or volunteers authorized and trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector. *Education Code 51.882(e)*

Funding

An institution of higher education may accept gifts, grants, donations, and federal funds to implement this section. *Education Code 51.886*

Immunity from
Discipline

A person who in good faith takes, or fails to take, any action under this subchapter is immune from civil or criminal liability or disciplinary action resulting from that act or failure to act, including:

1. Issuing an order for epinephrine auto-injectors;
2. Supervising or delegating the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector;
3. Possessing an epinephrine auto-injector;
4. Maintaining an epinephrine auto-injector;
5. Storing an epinephrine auto-injector;
6. Disposing of an epinephrine auto-injector;
7. Prescribing an epinephrine auto-injector;

8. Dispensing an epinephrine auto-injector;
9. Administering, or assisting in administering, an epinephrine auto-injector;
10. Providing, or assisting in providing, training, consultation, or advice in the development, adoption, or implementation of policies, guidelines, rules, or plans; or
11. Undertaking any other act permitted or required under this subchapter.

This immunity is in addition to other immunity or limitations of liability provided by law.

Education Code 51.888(a)