Plan of Operations for Administering EpiPens

A qualified Staff person may administer an EpiPen or EpiPen Jr. to a child as prescribed by a physician and in emergencies only when the following requirements are met:

* Written authorization from the minor’s parent or legal guardian must be provided. The Written Authorization will include:
	+ Telephone number and address of the minor’s parent or legal guardian.
	+ Authorization to contact the child’s health care provider
* Used in accordance with the directions and as prescribed by a physician.
	+ Qualified Staff persons received training in Pediatric CPR/First Aid (that included training on administering the Epi pen) and received instructions from the child’s parent,

In addition to the above, the following must be adhered to:

* Must be keep ready for use at all times.
* Protect from exposure to light and extreme heat.
* Note the expiration date on the unit and replace the unit prior to that date.
* Replace any auto-injector if the solution is discolored or contains a precipitate. (Both the EpiPen Jr. and the EpiPen have a see-through window to allow periodic examination of its contents. The physician may recommend emergency use of an auto-injector with discolored contents rather than postponing treatment.)
* Call 911 and the child’s parent/authorized representative immediately after administering the EpiPen Jr. or the EpiPen.

General Information:

The EpiPen Jr. Auto Injector delivers a single dose of 0.15 mg epinephrine for people weighing between 33 and 66 pounds. The EpiPen delivers a single dose of 0.3 mg epinephrine for people weighing over 66 pounds.

Both the EpiPen Jr. and the EpiPen are disposable, prefilled automatic injection devices designed to deliver a single dose of epinephrine for allergic emergencies. They should only be used by, and/or administered to, a hypersensitive (allergic) person in the event of an allergic emergency as prescribed by a physician. Such emergencies may occur from insect stings or bites, foods, drugs or other allergens, as well as from idiopathic or exercise-induced anaphylaxis.