

# SCHOOL/CAMP FORM POLICY

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## ASSOCIATED ALLERGISTS AND ASTHMA SPECIALISTS

Dear Parents,

Associated Allergists utilizes three specific forms for schools that are filled out related to the specific needs of each child. These forms include: 1) an ASTHMA ACTION PLAN, 2) a FOOD ALLERGY ACTION PLAN, and 3) a RESCUE MEDICATION FORM. These forms contain all the information needed to treat an emergency at school and provide documentation regarding self-administration. Duplicate information will not be filled out on forms provided by your child's school.

Due to the passage of an Illinois law in 2024 (*IL School Code Provision on the Self-Administration of Medication 105 ILCS 5/22-302*) children are allowed to carry their rescue medication namely **quick relief inhalers** (albuterol) for children with asthma and **epinephrine/antihistamine** (Epi-Pen, Auvi-Q, Neffy/Benadryl) for children with life-threatening allergies. This law is of great benefit to school-aged children as their rescue medication can be immediately available if needed. Parents can decide whether or not they want their child to carry their rescue medication

The doctors and nurses at Associated Allergists advise that all patients and their parents/caregivers be educated as to the correct usage of their medications. We believe that school-aged children should be taught when and how to use their rescue medications if needed at school, and should be supervised when doing so.

Associated Allergists requires the following to complete school forms for your child:

1. An office visit with an Associated Allergists doctor within the last 6 months prior to filling out the forms.
2. If forms are faxed, mailed, or dropped off at our office, please provide the directions of how you would like to have the forms returned and please allow 48 hours for completion. The forms can be faxed to your home, sent to the patient portal, picked up at our office, or have them mailed to you with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Due to HIPPA, we cannot email the completed forms to a school or patient's/caregivers home or fax school/camp forms to the school.**
3. Provide the child's current weight.
4. If you wish your child to carry their rescue medication, patient education must be completed at a visit with the doctor and documented on the school form. \*See #1 above.
5. If a charge is assessed for the requested forms, please ensure that the fee is taken care of at the time of the request.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

The staff at Associated Allergists