



Severe Allergy Notice

North Haven is now a 'Nut Aware' School

At North Haven School we are committed to providing a safe environment that is inclusive for all children. There are a number of North Haven students who have a potentially life threatening allergy to peanut and tree nuts.

If peanut butter or even the smallest amount of peanut, a peanut product such as peanut oil, or any type of nut enters a student's body through the eyes, nose or mouth, this student will experience a strong reaction. This would require immediate medical treatment by staff and Alberta Health Services.

All of our school staff, including lunch program staff, have been made aware of this situation, and have been instructed in the correct procedures regarding anaphylactic shock by our public health nurse.

Prevention, of course, is the best approach for reducing the risk of a severe reaction. We are asking that you no longer send peanuts, tree nuts and foods containing these items to school with your child. This includes any treats or snacks that families send for classroom celebrations.

We realize that this request may pose a minor inconvenience for you when preparing your student's snack and lunch. We would like to express our appreciation for your support and understanding about this severe allergy. We are going with a 'nut aware' approach, as we can't guarantee that someone hasn't accidentally brought nuts, or traces of nuts, into our building. We are working to build an understanding amongst our learning community of how we can work together to support our students and staff with severe allergies.

Additional information is included in the Calgary Board of Education's Severe Allergies Policy at www.cbe.ab.ca and also at the Calgary Allergy Network at www.calgaryallergy.ca.

