

Recognize and Respond to Anaphylaxis

For a suspected or active food allergy reaction

FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING **SEVERE SYMPTOMS**

-  **LUNG:** Short of breath, wheezing, repetitive cough
-  **HEART:** Pale or bluish skin, faintness, weak pulse, dizziness
-  **THROAT:** Tight or hoarse throat, trouble breathing or swallowing
-  **MOUTH:** Significant swelling of the tongue or lips
-  **SKIN:** Many hives over body, widespread redness
-  **GUT:** Repetitive vomiting, severe diarrhea
-  **OTHER:** Feeling something bad is about to happen, anxiety, confusion

OR MORE THAN ONE **MILD SYMPTOM**

-  **NOSE:** Itchy or runny nose, sneezing
-  **MOUTH:** Itchy mouth
-  **SKIN:** A few hives, mild itch
-  **GUT:** Mild nausea or discomfort

- 1 INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY**
- 2 Call 911**
Request ambulance with epinephrine.

Consider Additional Meds

(After epinephrine):

- » Antihistamine
- » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if asthma

Positioning

Lay the person flat and raise legs. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.

Next Steps

- » If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
- » Transport to and remain in ER for at least 4 hours because symptoms may return.

Do not depend on antihistamines. When in doubt, give epinephrine and call 911.