Signs of an allergic reaction include:

**SYSTEMS**

MOUTH
- Itching and swelling of lips, tongue or mouth.

THROAT *
- Itching and/or a sense of tightness in the throat, hoarseness and hacking cough.

SKIN
- Hives, itchy rash and/or swelling about the face or extremities.

GUT
- Nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

LUNG *
- Shortness of breath, repetitive coughing and/or wheezing.

HEART *
- “Thready” pulse and/or “passing out.”

The severity of symptoms can change quickly. *All of the above symptoms can potentially progress to a life-threatening situation.

**Action:**

Prescriber should number in order all appropriate actions:

1. Observe child for severe symptoms.
2. Administer EpiPen® before symptoms occur.
3. Administer EpiPen® if symptoms occur.
4. Administer Benadryl® (dose) or Atarax® (dose).
5. Call 911 (and request a paramedic) and transport to ER if symptoms occur.
6. Call 911 (and request a paramedic) and transport to ER if EpiPen® given.

**DO NOT HESITATE TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION OR CALL 911 EVEN IF PARENTS OR PRESCRIBER CANNOT BE REACHED!**