

Value whānau expertise

Attitudes to allergies will differ across and within communities, families, and cultural groups.

- ✓ Involve parents and learners (when age appropriate) in all levels of policy and procedure reviews focused on allergies.
- ✓ Support parents by providing notice of upcoming food events so they can contribute.
- ✓ Listen to the concerns of parents, whānau, and caregivers – provide multiple ways of communicating with your learning community (newsletters, parents’ meetings, social media, and posters).
- ✓ Engage your learning community in building an understanding of allergies, particularly of life-threatening anaphylaxis.
- ✓ Explicitly seek out parent, whānau, and learner voice and ask, “What would help?”
- ✓ Make time for frequent and regular conversations with parents and whānau to learn more about effective safety strategies.
- ✓ Recognise the emotional impact allergies can have on families and encourage their contributions.

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