

Raise awareness through play

Learning opportunities to create awareness of, and promote safety for, all allergies

Learning Outcomes	Potential learning context and activities
Keeping themselves healthy and caring for themselves te oranga nui	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of washing hands before preparing and eating food• Keeping food to eating areas• Knowing 'safe' foods• Show pictures of foods that are 'unsafe' for some children• Model reading food labels• Importance of not sharing food as it can be 'unsafe' for other children• Knowing what food is 'safe' to eat if you have a food allergy• Knowing who to go to for help• Talking about things that keep you safe e.g. medic-alert bracelet• Some children need to take medicines to keep them from becoming unwell
Managing themselves and expressing their feelings and needs te whakahua whakaaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using pictures and images to identify and show a teacher how you are feeling• Role play saying "No" to food that is unsafe• Role play to support children to talk about their allergies• Role play being at a restaurant and asking for an allergy safe menu• Pretend to grocery shop for safe foods• Talk about, and show pictures of, common things that can cause allergies• Demonstrate words like 'itchy' and 'tingly' that relate to allergy symptoms• Sharing with others special medical items e.g. epipen
Keeping themselves and others safe from harm te noho haumarū.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning the importance of not sharing food with others• Foods that are healthy for most people can make some people very sick• Role play what it might look like if their friend becomes sick• How to look after my friends

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