

*Date:* April 30, 2015  
*To:* Child and Adult Care Food Program Authorized Representatives  
*From:* Community Nutrition Team  
*Subject:* CACFP Resource: New CDC Tool Kit for Schools, Early Care, and Education Programs – Managing Food Allergies in Schools

New Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tool Kit! – [Managing Food Allergies in Schools](#)  
[Food allergies](#) affect approximately 4% - 6% of children in the United States. Helping school staff to be prepared to [prevent and manage a child's severe allergic reaction](#) can create a healthy environment where all school children can reach their full potential.

The [Tool Kit for Managing Food Allergies in Schools](#) was developed by CDC to help schools in implementing the [Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in School and Early Care and Education Programs](#).

The easy-to-use tool kit includes [tip sheets](#), [training presentations](#), and [podcasts](#) highlighting resources and action steps specific for a diverse audience of school staff:

- School superintendents
- Administrators
- Teachers and para-educators
- School nutrition professionals
- School transportation staff
- School mental health professionals

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**-State education and health agencies** can use the training presentations and tool kit resources when providing professional development and technical assistance to support schools, districts, and early care and education programs in establishing food allergy management and prevention plans.

- Schools, districts, and early care and education programs** can use the tool kit to implement the evidence-based [\*Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in School and Early Care and Education Programs\*](#) to help make schools a safe setting for students with food allergies.
- Parents** can use the resources to work with schools and early care education programs in the development of a management plan for children with food allergies.

Get the Word Out!

**Tweet:** @CDCChronic CDC's New Tool Kit for School Staff: Managing Food Allergies in Schools! <http://go.usa.gov/3ZjZz> #CDCHealthySchools

**Facebook:** NEW! School staff can help keep students with food allergies safe with CDC's new Tool Kit for Managing Food Allergies in Schools! Help create a healthy environment where all students can reach their full potential!

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/foodallergies/toolkit.htm>

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