



Anaphylaxis and Allergy Management Plan

Purpose of Plan

This plan is designed for Parents/Guardians/Carers of children with allergies participating in Perth Zoo programs where Zoo Staff are responsible for supervision. It outlines the information and preparation prior to program participation that is required to enable staff to provide the highest level of care for children with allergies. This plan also provides some background information regarding the Zoo environment and the steps that will be followed by Zoo staff in the event of an allergic reaction.

The Zoo Environment and Exposure to Allergens

The Zoo is a public venue and there are no restrictions on the types of food that visitors (including Zoo program participants) can bring onsite. In addition to this, the diet of our animals may also include allergens such as nuts, dairy and egg. Some Zoo programs include unique activities where participants may visit food preparation areas, enter feeding areas or clean out exhibits. It is therefore impossible to guarantee that participants will not come into contact with specific allergens.

The Zoo is also predominantly an outdoor venue where participants may come into contact with a variety of naturally occurring allergens such as pollen, mosquitoes and bees.

Participant Information and Preparation

At the time of booking a Zoo program, it is essential to provide details of your child's medical condition. There is a nominated section on all booking forms for medical details. Please also attach a copy of your child's Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) Action Plan with their booking form. Should you require additional information or feel that you would also like to discuss your child's needs, we encourage you to contact Discovery and Learning on (08) 9474 0365.

On the day of the program, it is essential that your child has with them:

- Their ASCIA Action Plan
- Medication clearly labelled with what it is and who it belongs to
- A 'Bum Bag/Travel Pouch' to store their plan and medication

The 'Bum Bag/Travel Pouch' must be worn by your child for the duration of the program. An additional larger bag can also be used to contain other personal items (lunch, camera etc.). Your child will not always have access to this additional bag.

The rationale for having their plan and medication kept on them at all times is due to the fact that there are sometimes multiple participants with severe allergies/conditions that may require treatment. In order to provide the fastest response and appropriate care, it is essential that the plan and medication is immediately identifiable and can be quickly accessed.

Zoo Staff Response to an Anaphylactic/Allergic Reaction

In the event of an anaphylactic or allergic reaction, supervising Zoo Staff will follow the child's ASCIA Action Plan.

Safety and Zoo Holiday Fun!

Participating in a Zoo School Holiday Program is very different to being in a school environment as supervising Zoo Staff may only have just met your child for the first time. It can be like the first day of school every day with new faces and spaces for your child to get to know. Please assist us by sending your child to the Zoo prepared with their plan, medication and bum bag. We look forward to sharing amazing animal experiences and Zoo fun with your child.