



Peanut Allergy Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

There is a student who attends our childcare center that has a severe life-threatening allergy to nuts; including peanuts, peanut butter, pecans, walnuts, nut oils (i.e. Nut oil), nut flavorings (i.e. Almond extract), etc. Touching these items, as well as ingestion, may provoke this reaction. Keep in mind that even a *trace* of these ingredients can trigger a severe reaction.

For the safety of this child we are instituting some restrictions in the childcare center. We are asking parents to be conscientious in the selection of birthday treats that their children may bring to school in an attempt to limit the chances of this child being exposed to nuts of any kind. Peanuts and tree nuts are strictly prohibited from the entire childcare center and parking lot. We are a **NUT FREE CENTER**.

If your child eats peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or any foods made with nuts for breakfast or snack before arriving at the center, please make sure that his/her hands are washed with soap AND water before leaving for school. Water alone nor any hand sanitizers do not do the trick. Each child is required to wash their hands upon arrival at the center as well, either by the parent when they are dropped off or by their teacher.

As most of you already know, I participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and because of that no outside food from home is allowed anyway, with the exception of occasional treats for birthdays or holidays, etc. They must arrive in the original store bought package/container. Please do not send any foods with any peanuts, tree-nuts or nut oils in them for birthdays or holiday parties.

Sincerely,

Chris Cox