

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS – SAFETY FOR ALL

PRESENTED BY THE CCSD 15 SEVERE ALLERGY TASK FORCE

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

1 in 13 children
in the U.S. has
a food allergy...



That's roughly
6 million
children.



That's about **2 kids** in every classroom.

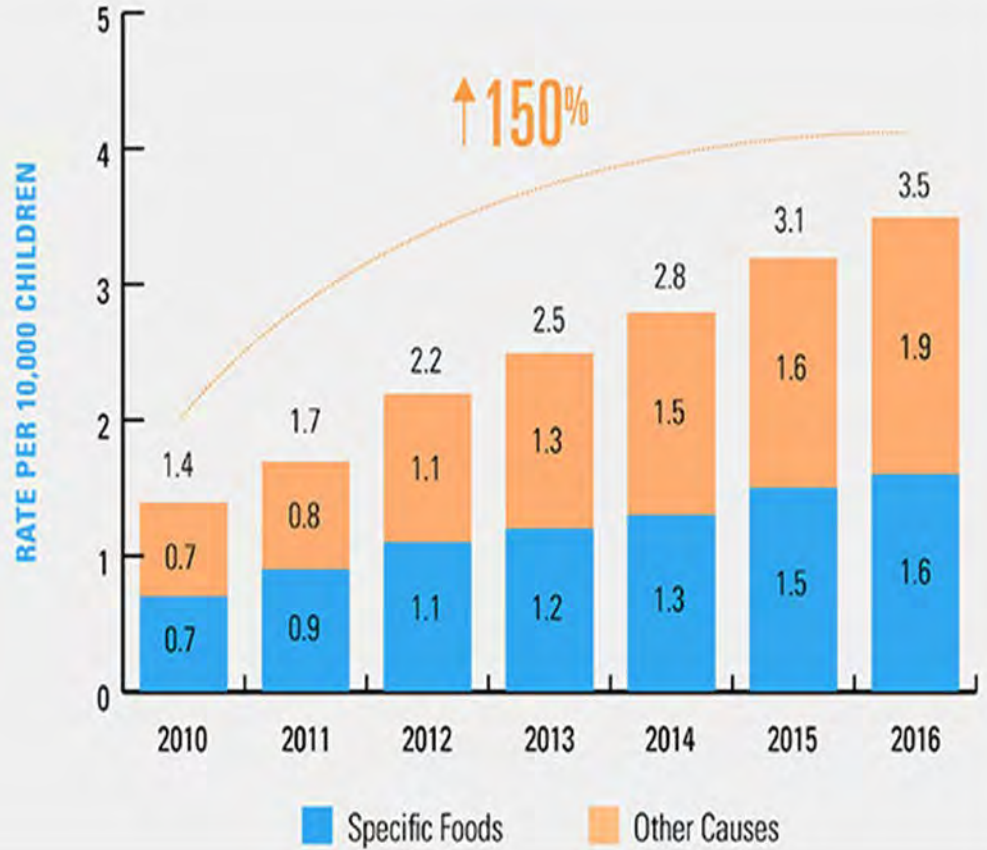
More than 15%
of school aged children
with food allergies have
had a reaction in school.



- CCSD 15 has 1,082 students enrolled with known food allergies
- Our schools range from 6% of total enrollment to 14% of total enrollment with known food allergies
- There are 114 students utilizing an allergen aware table in our district.

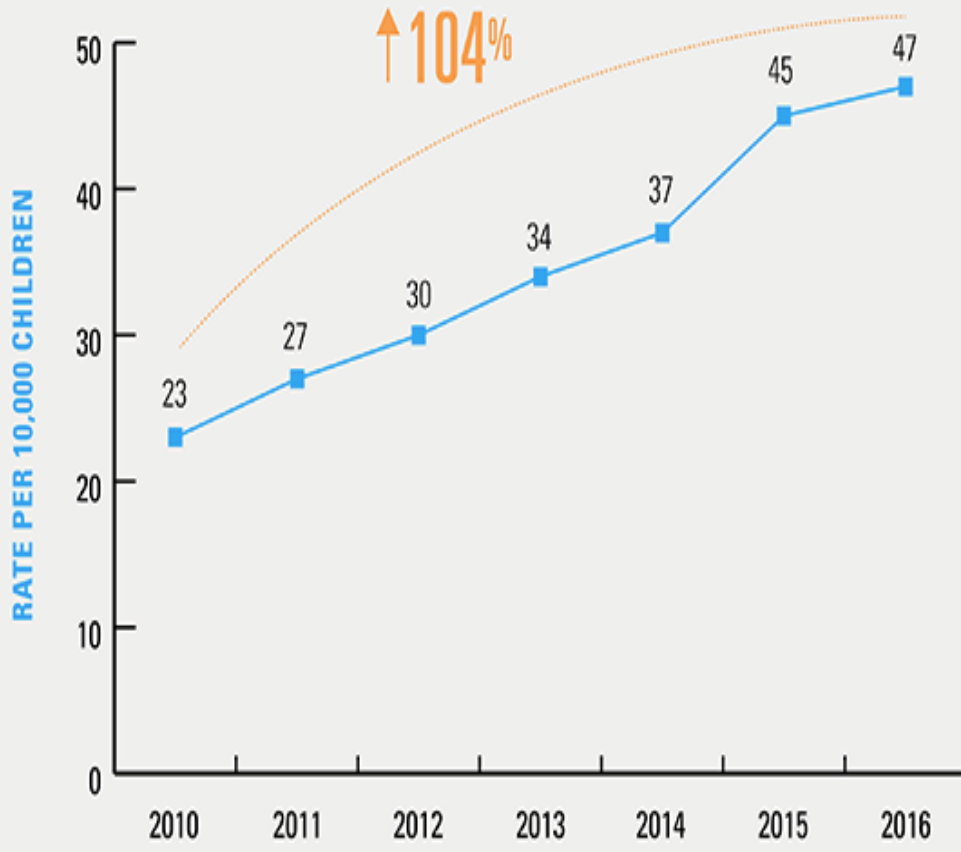
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EXHIBIT 2:
RATE OF EMERGENCY
ROOM VISITS DUE
TO ANAPHYLAXIS IN
CHILDREN BY YEAR,
PER 10,000 CHILDREN



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EXHIBIT 1:
RATE OF DIAGNOSIS
OF ALL ANAPHYLAXIS
IN CHILDREN BY YEAR,
PER 10,000 CHILDREN



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Dave Barnett, Parent
- Karen Flor, Asst. Coord. Of Health Services
- Jeanette Harris, PTA President
- Theresa Drogos, 1st/2nd Gr teacher WB
- Bobbie Desprat, Director, School Nutrition Services
- Tracy O'Malley, 2nd Gr teacher WC
- Lara Kowalski, Social Worker MJ
- Teresa Ostoich, School Nurse HR
- Joanna Shostachuk, Assist. Principal MJ
- Tom Bramley, Director, Transportation
- Kim Haas, Spec Ed teacher WC

WHAT WE LEARNED



OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increase staff, student and community awareness about the seriousness of life-threatening allergies.
2. Simplify and improve accessibility of our district guideline documentation.
3. Enhance our current guidelines to include specific measures to address the social/emotional needs of students with life-threatening allergies, while enhancing safety.

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I. Increase staff, student and community awareness about the seriousness of life-threatening allergies.

- Student Education
- Increased Staff Education
- PTA Education

Viewing the student video increased (28%) staff awareness

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2. Simplify and improve accessibility to our district guideline documentation.
 - Website Presence
 - Communication and Collaboration With Key Departments
 - Document Usability

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- Lunchroom tables
- Activity-based parties – 2019/2020
- Food safety outside the Cafeteria

THE IMPACT WE BELIEVE THIS WILL HAVE



NEXT STEPS

- With board support, we will move forward to implement the recommendations summarized in this presentation
- The committee will continue to meet and shift our focus to execution and continuous learning / improvement
- Collaborate with Wellness Committee to align goals and priorities

Food Allergy Task Force

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QUESTIONS

