

Epinephrine Ordering Procedures - Marin County Schools

A new process of obtaining a standing order for epinephrine auto-injectors for schools rolled out in early 2024. This replaced the prior process of contacting MCPH to request a standing order signed by Dr. Lisa Santora. The application process for renewals beginning in January, 2025, includes **one additional form** which collects data regarding the administration of any epinephrine auto-injectors obtained through the CDPH Epinephrine standing order. Everything else remains the same.

Individual schools will continue to request standing orders at the school level (or possibly the district level) because of the various expiration dates of their current inventory of auto-injectors and unique needs of each school/district.

Program Details

CDPH (in partnership with CDE) issued a statewide standing order to help reduce morbidity and mortality associated with anaphylaxis by facilitating the distribution and administration of epinephrine in California schools. This statewide standing order, signed by the CA Public Health Officer, authorizes a California school (public, charter or private), school district or county office of education to obtain epinephrine auto-injectors for elementary schools, junior high schools, middle schools, and high schools. **CDPH is providing the standing order/prescription only; they will not be distributing epinephrine auto-injectors.**

How to Apply

STEP ONE: Complete an online application on the [CDPH Standing Order site](#). This will generate a standing order/prescription.

STEP TWO: Use the generated standing order/ prescription to obtain the epinephrine auto-injectors at either:

1. [EPIPEN4SCHOOLS](#) to receive up to 4 **free** auto-injectors; for questions on the status of orders, contact EPIPEN4SCHOOLS program directly
 1. EPIPEN4SCHOOLS requires uploading a Standing Order form and a Standing Order Certification. The CDPH Standing Order can be used for both requirements.
2. Any California pharmacy to obtain auto-injectors (may result in an out-of-pocket cost that is not covered by Medi-Cal).

Training standards for the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors in accordance with [Education Code 49414](#) can be found here: [CA Dept of Education: Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors](#)

***NEW FORM:** When you are ready to complete your renewal, **please come prepared with information regarding any standing order that epinephrine auto-injectors were administered on any school campus.**

Information requested will be:

- Number of auto-injectors administered, if any
- Date of administration
- Type of auto-injector (regular or junior) administered
- District name
- School name, address, and other information about the school (public, private, level, etc.)
- Type of person to whom the auto-injector was administered (student, staff, etc.)
- Type of person who administered the auto-injector (school nurse, teacher, etc.)

If you are not able to provide this information, **you will still be able to fill out an application to renew your standing order**, but users should be prepared to answer these questions to the best of their ability. This information is critical to the success and continuation of this program and it informs opportunities for future similar programs.

Additional Information

- County offices of education and local education agencies may generate a standing order for multiple schools.
- Using the standing order at a local pharmacy may result in an out-of-pocket cost that is not covered by Medi-Cal. Free auto-injectors are available to schools at [EpiPen4Schools.com](https://www.epipen4schools.com).
- Total quantities and type, regular vs junior auto-injectors, are included at the bottom of the standing order and will vary per application.
- The maximum quantity of auto-injectors allowed by this standing order, either regular or junior, is four per school, per calendar year.
- Refills can be obtained within the year if Epinephrine is used in the course of treatment of anaphylaxis at a school site and will not count towards the 4 device limit per school site, per year.
- The standing order can be renewed annually by completing another online application form such that a new set of Epinephrine auto-injectors are available for each school site each year.
- This standing order is acceptable at all pharmacies throughout California, at an out-of-pocket cost, and will automatically expire one year from the date it is signed.