



Renton School District 403

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IMPORTANT EPIPEN ADVISORY

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We recently became aware of a situation that may affect EpiPens, the medication that helps treat life-threatening allergic reactions. After the December windstorm that caused power outages in our schools for many days, there is concern about the exposure of this medication to temperatures less than 59 degrees.

According to Dey Laboratories, the manufacturer of EpiPens, the **auto injector device may malfunction if the pen is stored at temperatures less than 59 degrees.** The medication package insert also asks users to check the solution and if it is cloudy or discolored to replace it as it may not work.

We know that our schools were likely colder than 59 degrees for extended periods of time during the power outage. Your home may also have been colder than 59 degrees and any other location that you store your EpiPens. The manufacturer and the Washington State Board of Pharmacy recommend replacing these Epi-pens. You may wish to contact your Primary Care Provider as to whether your child's EpiPen should be replaced.

Many insurance plans will cover the replacement cost. If you have any questions, please contact your health care provider or pharmacist.

Thank you,

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