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Dear Kane County District Superintendents, School Principals, and Nurses:

The Kane County Health Department is pleased to provide you with the resources to implement Illinois' Emergency Epinephrine Act in Kane County schools. With life-threatening allergies among children on the rise, this law permits Illinois schools to keep on hand a supply of potentially life-saving epinephrine auto-injectors, more commonly known as "EpiPens."

Under the Act, school nurses can administer EpiPens to individuals who go into anaphylactic shock, a life-threatening allergic reaction – regardless of what their medical records show and without a prescription on file. The Act also allows any authorized school personnel to administer an EpiPen on an individual who has their own, personal prescription for an EpiPen.

In order for schools to obtain EpiPens, the Act allows physicians to write prescriptions in the name of a school district or nonpublic school, instead of a single patient.

If you would like to request a prescription through the Kane County Health Department, please complete one prescription form and one standing order form for your school district and email to Katie Glomp and Theresa Knauf at: Glompkatie@kanecountyil.gov and knauftheresa@kanecountyil.gov. They will help facilitate district and school requests in coordination with school nurses.

Viatris (previously Mylan), the manufacturer of EpiPen and EpiPen Jr., continues to offer two FREE 2-packs to schools in the U.S. Schools can choose to order a 2-pack for each dosage or two 2-packs of one dosage. Each 2-pack will also include a training device. This offer is available to public and private kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high schools in the U.S which have a valid prescription for the auto-injectors. Schools may place an order online at www.epipen4schools.com.

Thank you for your time and cooperation, and best wishes for a healthy and productive academic year.

Sincerely,

Priyadarshini Verma,
MD Medical Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Isaacson".

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