



Chelsea First  
United Methodist Church

## **Allergy Awareness Policy and Action Plan**

Because *Chelsea First United Methodist Church* seeks to provide a safe environment for all children in our care, the following Allergy Awareness Policy and Action Plan is in place to address and respond to the wide-ranging allergies and allergic reactions common among children. It is important to note that we cannot guarantee a completely allergy-free environment and cannot be held liable for allergic reactions that occur in spite of the policies and procedures outlined below. However, we are deeply committed to working with the families in our congregation to support children with allergies when at all possible.

### **Responsibilities of Parent or Legal Guardian**

1. Parents should note allergies when completing the annual Children and Youth Registration Form.
2. If there is a sign-in, each time the parent signs the child in for an activity, parents will indicate the nature of the food or latex allergy on the sign-in sheet. If the child is in the nursery or preschool room, the parent will note allergy on child's name tag.

### **Food Allergies**

1. Due to allergy concerns, BLAST Classrooms, Nursery, Preschool Room, and Youth Rooms will be nut-free zones.

### **Medications and Emergency Procedures**

1. *CFUMC* staff and volunteers may only administer regularly prescribed or over the counter medication to any child with parental permission.
2. Staff will administer medication in an emergency situation. The parent will be notified as soon as practicable.