

Westminster Presbyterian Church is dedicated to bringing church and family together for children's spiritual development. To do this, we must provide a safe environment for the children who attend our programming. One way we do this is to be aware of any medical problems a child has, including allergies. The following policy regarding allergy safety will be effective beginning on "Kick Off Sunday", August 18, 2013.

Please note: Westminster Presbyterian Church Nursery will be completely nut free. Nut free snacks (cheerios, raisins, wheat thins, graham crackers are some examples of nut free snacks available) will be provided BY THE CHURCH. This eliminates the need for outside food to be brought into the church nursery. With the exception of baby food and bottles in the infant room only, Westminster asks that you do not send snacks with your child.

#### Church Nursery Responsibilities

1. Each nursery room will have an obvious location where it is clear for all to see a list of each known child with an allergy and his/her known allergy in that particular nursery space. Each nursery room will have an obvious, clear for all to see, list of each child with a known allergy. This list will include the child's name, the known allergy, and any additional restrictions requested by the family.
2. Each nursery staff person is trained in first aid and CPR (including infant first aid/and cpr) which includes allergy and Epi-Pen training.
3. In the event that a child uses church nursery multiple times per week - the weekday nursery room will have an available marked location that can safely store the child's Epi-Pen, Benadryl, or other allergy medication.
4. The church nursery provides ONLY nut free snacks. The nursery staff will not bring in outside food, in order to keep the nursery room environment safe.

#### Parent Responsibilities

1. The primary responsibility of the parent is to make sure that the nursery staff is notified of the child's allergy. There are three ways this must happen;
  - a. Fill out the child information card online at:  
<http://www.nashvillewpc.org/custpage.cfm?frm=10304&form=10304>
  - a. Each time the child is signed in, note on the sign in sheet the child's allergy
  - b. Verbally remind the nursery staff of the child's allergy
1. Bring all medications required to treat the child's allergy
  - a. Make sure ALL medication is clearly labeled
  - b. Remind nursery staff of the location of the child's medication (ie; in the front pocket of his/her bag)
3. If the child will be using church nursery multiple times a week (Disciple, Wednesday nights, Choir, etc) please leave a complete set of the child's allergy medications. There is a specified location in the weekday nursery room where these can be safely stored.