

Good morning,

I was recently made aware that the CTA is drafting new federal regulations regarding how to accommodate passengers with food allergies.

I have two children with severe life threatening food allergies (nuts and shellfish). As you can imagine, this has affected any traveling that we have done over the years.

There must be appropriate accommodations made on all modes of transportation for people with food allergies. Staff must have education and training in recognizing signs, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis and this must remain current. Protocols should be in place to manage food allergies, food items must be sourced and labelled appropriately and appropriate cleaning of areas where food is prepared and served should be maintained.

This has been a huge concern for me over the years, now that my children are grown and going away to school, they will be using different modes of transportation. They have learned how important it is to manage their allergies on their own and take every precaution to ensure their safety but sometimes there are situations (like travel) where they have less control and must rely on the assurances of others.

Please consider people with allergies when you are drafting the regulations. More people everyday are being identified with severe food allergies.

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