

To whom it may concern,

Having two daughters who are anaphylactic to peanuts and nuts, I worry about them constantly when we travel not knowing if there are staff trained on board the airplanes we are flying on, as to how to deal with an anaphylactic reaction. Would they be able to land the plane in time for the patient to go to the hospital should the second dose of epinephrine not be enough to ward off the attack? The same applies for any other mode of transportation they use, especially since they are teenagers now and use transit a lot. I was disappointed to find out that Westjet stopped carrying epipens on board and it does not appear that any of the other airlines do either now, since they are always insistent that we have our own, which obviously is the case. But somehow, that makes me feel confident that the staff will know how to administer one and what to do in the event something happens.

It is never something anyone wishes to happen, but with the increasing rates of allergies, especially anaphylaxis, it should be mandatory, essential basic training, just as chest compressions are.

thanking you

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