

We have a son who is dangerously allergic to peanuts. We have flown with him on many occasions aboard Canadian and non-Canadian carriers and have found inconsistent protocol and openness to assist between and within carriers. We would like to see the following put into place among Canadian carriers:

1. Standard protocol when passengers with severe allergies are on board, which could include the following:
  - Ban all nuts/peanuts snacks from all Canadian carriers - even though there might not be an allergic passenger on a specific flight, residue from a previous flight may affect an allergic passenger on the following one
  - Create a buffer zone (x rows in front, x rows to the back) from passenger who is allergic and where the flight director explains to passengers seated in these rows that there is a severely allergic person sitting close by and to refrain from eating food items containing allergen
  - Allow pre-boarding of passengers with severe allergies so that they can properly clean/wipe their seat, tray table, arm rests etc
  - Having, at the very least, snacks that are free of the allergen for the allergic passenger (there are many certified "peanut free" items available) - we understand that complete meals are more problematic to manage
2. Mandatory training to cabin crew on managing severe allergies (detecting symptoms, how to assist, cross-contamination, etc)
3. Having a standard protocol for flight crew when a severe allergic reaction occurs on board
4. Having adrenaline shots (EpiPen) available on board of each plane, as a back-up (we always carry our son's)

Thank you for your consideration

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