

School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP)



Maricopa County
Public Health

VISIT

Is your school prepared to stock, maintain, and administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat individuals who experience anaphylaxis while at school? Learn how we can help by visiting our website: <https://ssmp.maricopa.gov>



ENROLL

After completing and submitting each of the requirements prompted in the SSMP web application, your school can obtain annual standing orders and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.



RESOURCES

There are programs to assist schools in locating stock epinephrine at little to no cost. We encourage all schools to apply for grants, utilize their school's PTO, and visit the manufacturer websites. Check out the resource tab on the SSMP for a list of resources available for your school. <https://ssmp.maricopa.gov>



About Us!

The School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP) is a free web application available to all schools in Maricopa County. Our goal is to encourage and support schools in obtaining life-saving stock epinephrine auto-injectors. We are here to assist schools in developing guidelines, implementation of policies and procedures and provide schools with standing orders.



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Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How can my school participate in the Maricopa County Stock Epinephrine Program?

A: Your school will need to enroll in the MCDPH School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP) web application. After completing and submitting each of the requirements your school can obtain and receive annual standing orders and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director. Enroll your school @ <https://ssmp.maricopa.gov/>

Q: What is the School Surveillance & Medication Program (SSMP)?

A: It is a MCDPH web application that will guide you through the necessary requirements to obtain standing orders for stock auto-injectable epinephrine.

Q: My school is interested in implementing but cost is an issue. Is there funding available for schools?

A: While there is not a general funding source for schools, we encourage you to apply for grants, contact the pharmaceutical companies, providers, coalitions, local pharmacies, and your school's PTA who may have programs or resources available.

Q: Who provides the training of designated school personnel to administer stock epinephrine?

A: The annual training is provided online by the Western Region Public Health Training Center at the University of Arizona, College of Public Health, who will provide a certificate of completion.

<https://moodle.publichealth.arizona.edu/enrol/index.php?id=243>

Q: Where will I get a standing order for the stock epinephrine?

A: After enrolling in the SSMP and following all requirements, schools can obtain a standing order and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.

Q: Who can use the stock auto-injectable epinephrine?

A: Any individual who presents with anaphylaxis may be administered the auto-injectable epinephrine by a trained school staff member.

Q: What if an individual without a physician diagnosis of anaphylaxis uses the stock epinephrine, is the school staff/nurse held liable?

A: If an individual presents with anaphylaxis, the school's designated personnel who have completed the required training should administer the stock epinephrine. SB 2085 indemnifies the school staff/nurse from any liability associated with good faith use of the stock epinephrine.