

**Allergy Injection Information and Informed Consent**

*Please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions, please call our office at 724-946-7927 and speak with our nurse or medical provider.*

1. You must have your prescribing allergist provide written orders including the extract name, dosage schedule (including alteration of dosage due to being late for appointment dates), date of most recent injection, and any special considerations. The Wellness Center cannot administer allergy injections to students who have a history of experiencing severe allergic reactions to injections.
2. There is a \$7.00 fee for each allergy injection appointment. This fee is added to your student account automatically with each visit through our electronic medical record. The Wellness Center does not bill health insurances. We can provide you with an invoice to submit to your health insurance company for reimbursement.
3. Allergy injections are given by appointment by calling 724-946-7927. Injections are given when the physician or physician assistant is present in the office. The student is responsible for making appointments at the Wellness Center at least 24 hours before the injection is due. If you fail to follow your allergy schedule on multiple occasions, we will stop providing these injections and refer you back to your allergist. You are responsible for making arrangements to receive your allergy injections elsewhere when the Wellness Center is closed for breaks.
4. It is the responsibility of the student to check out their serums and a copy of their record during the holiday periods and at the end of the academic year. The student is responsible for ordering antigens from their allergist and bringing the antigen(s) to the Wellness Center.
5. Due to the risks involved with allergy immunotherapy, **you are required to wait for a minimum of 20 minutes in our office** following an allergy injection. You must check with the nurse prior to departure. We recommend that you always carry an Epi-Pen and know how to use it. If you need an Epi-pen prescription or instructions, please notify the nurse so we can help. Most reactions to allergy injections are mild, but reactions that are more serious can occur. Symptoms such as difficulty breathing, wheezing, hives, and tightness in throat or chest are signs of a systemic reaction or anaphylaxis, and immediate treatment with epinephrine (Epi-Pen) and antihistamines is needed. Many systemic reactions are successfully treated, but some of these reactions do not respond to medication and can result in death. Administer your Epi-Pen and proceed to the emergency room or call 911 if a systemic reaction occurs after leaving the Wellness Center. Please notify our office if you notice any other symptoms after receiving an injection. To lower your risk, please avoid exercise for at least 2 hours after an allergy injection.
6. Throughout your allergy immunotherapy at Westminster College Wellness Center, please notify our staff if you have any medical changes such as new medications, recent or current infections or fever, worsening of allergy symptoms or asthma, pregnancy, or any reactions to allergy injections. If you are on a beta-blocker at any time we cannot administer your allergy injections.
7. The Wellness Center will store your serum, however, **we will not be responsible for loss or damage due to power failure or other causes**. Serums not picked up by the end of the spring finals period will be discarded.

**I have read and understand the above information and give my permission to Westminster College Wellness Center to administer my allergy injections as prescribed by my private allergist.**

Patient's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_