

Allergy Management Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the effective management of food allergies and other allergic reactions within Generocity Church. This policy aims to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all individuals who participate in or attend church activities, events, and programs.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, members, and visitors of Generocity Church.

Policy

1. Allergy Awareness

- Generocity Church will promote allergy awareness among all staff, volunteers, and congregation members.
- Information on common food allergens and symptoms of allergic reactions will be made readily available.
- All staff and volunteers involved in food preparation and service will receive training on allergy management.

2. Allergy Information Collection

- Generocity Church will collect information on known allergies from all participants in church activities, events, and programs.
- Participants or their guardians (for minors) will be asked to provide details on any food, medication, or environmental allergies.
- This information will be stored securely and only shared with relevant staff and volunteers on a need-to-know basis.

3. Allergy-Friendly Environments

- Generocity Church will make reasonable efforts to provide allergy-friendly environments, particularly in food service areas.

- Ingredients for all food items served at church events will be clearly labeled, including common allergens.
- Separate preparation and serving areas will be maintained for allergen-free food options.
- Appropriate cleaning and sanitization procedures will be implemented to minimize cross-contamination risks.

4. Emergency Response

- Generocity Church will maintain readily accessible emergency response plans for managing allergic reactions.
- First aid kits containing epinephrine auto-injectors and other allergy-related medications will be available in key locations.
- Staff and volunteers will be trained on recognizing the signs of allergic reactions and administering appropriate first aid.
- Emergency contact information for participants with known allergies will be kept on file and accessible to relevant personnel.

5. Incident Reporting and Review

- Any allergic reactions or allergy-related incidents that occur during church activities will be promptly reported and documented.
- Generocity Church will review each incident to identify areas for improvement in allergy management and implement corrective actions as necessary.

Responsibilities

- The Safer Churches Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the implementation and ongoing review of this policy.
- All staff, volunteers, and congregation members are responsible for adhering to the guidelines outlined in this policy and reporting any allergy-related concerns or incidents.

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