

Allergy/Immunotherapy Protocol

Student Health will be happy to provide your immunotherapy while you are a student at MUSC. We will follow the administration schedule outlined by the provider managing your condition. For your safety, Student Health requires all students adhere to the following protocol for administration of all allergy extracts or immunobiologic agents:

- Students requesting immunotherapy administration at Student Health must provide all medications and explicit orders from the provider managing their condition.
- If you have never received an allergen/immunobiologic injection, or are resuming immunotherapy, you must safely receive two consecutive doses from your allergist.
- Please schedule an appointment with the nurse for allergy/immunotherapy injections at least 24 hours in advance. Allow sufficient time on this visit to receive your injections and for an additional 30 minutes of observation. A medical provider (MD/NP) must be in the clinic when immunotherapy is administered.
- You are required to remain under observation in the SHS waiting room for 30 minutes after an allergen extract/immunobiologic administration per Student Health protocol. No exceptions will be made for this observation time. A Student Health Nurse will evaluate for local reactions after the 30 minute wait time. If you notice any unusual reactions during your wait time please report to the nurse immediately.
- You are required to bring your Epi-pen with you to each immunotherapy visit.
- Provide Student Health with the name of the medical provider managing your condition, as well as their office hours and office phone number; schedule your appointments for injections on days and times your managing provider's office is open.
- Prior to receiving any immunobiologic injections, please inform the nurse if you have experienced any of the following:
 - Any current upper respiratory infection symptoms, asthma symptoms, or fever.
 - Any delayed reactions to previous injections
 - Any systemic reactions (generalized itching, difficulty breathing, difficulty swallowing, diffuse swelling)
 - Signs or symptoms of illness or any flare-up of allergy symptoms
 - Changes in the amount, frequency or type of medications prescribed to you
- Allergy/immunobiologic injections will not be given prior to the scheduled intervals ordered by your provider.
- Student Health will not administer other immunizations for 48 hours after allergy injections.
- After two missed appointments, you must return to your managing provider's office for reevaluation. SHS will resume providing your immunotherapy once all orders and new administration schedules are received from your treating medical provider.
- Avoid strenuous exercise/activities that increase the heart rate for at least one hour before and one hour after you receive an injection.
- Patients who are pregnant or taking beta adrenergic blocking medication will be referred back to their own allergist (or to a local provider) for their immunotherapy.

I have read and agree to follow the Student Health Allergy/Immunotherapy Protocol. I understand that failure to comply with the protocol will result in revocation of privileges to have injections administered at SHS. I understand and agree that SHS may share information (on an as needed basis) with my physician concerning my immunotherapy.

Student Name: _____

Date _____

Student Signature: _____