ALAA: School Safety Guidelines For Latex-Allergic Students, 2ND Edition

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MILWAUKEE, WI (June 6th, 2011) ? In response to numerous queries from schools, the American Latex Allergy Association has released the 2nd Edition of the resource manual titled *School Safety Guidelines For Latex-Allergic Students*. This 91-page manual contains resources to educate and assist school personnel as they strive to create a latex-safe learning environment.

Certain students are at higher risk for developing latex allergy, including those with a history of other allergies (atopy); a history of spina bifida; a history of frequent urogenital surgeries and/or catheterizations; a history of other frequent surgeries; and a history of certain food allergies, such as banana, kiwi, avocado, chestnut, passion fruit, celery, and melon. The medical community uses preventative latex precautions when treating these students, and latex-safe protocols should be used in the school environment, even if symptoms are not present, in order to prevent the development of a latex allergy.

School Safety Guidelines For Latex-Allergic Students contains information about the prevalence and risk factors for latex allergy; suggested guidelines for creating a latex-safe school; sample school policies and forms; state and national legislation; position statements from the National Association of School Nurses and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology; a latex-free school alternative products list and other product resources; and educational articles.

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Attachments

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