# Recognize and Respond to Anaphylaxis

### For a suspected or active food allergy reaction

### FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SEVERE SYMPTOMS

LUNG: Short of breath, wheezing, repetitive

cough

HEART: Pale, blue, faint, weak pulse, dizzy

THROAT: Tight, hoarse, trouble breathing/

swallowing

MOUTH: Significant swelling of the tongue, lips

SKIN: Many hives over body, widespread

redness

**GUT:** Repetitive vomiting, severe diarrhea

OTHER: Feeling something bad is about to

happen, anxiety, confusion

## OR MORE THAN ONE MILD SYMPTOM

NOSE: Itchy/runny nose, sneezing

MOUTH: Itchy mouth

SKIN: A few hives, mild itch

GUT: Mild nausea/discomfort

### 1 INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY

2 Call 911
Request ambulance with epinephrine.

#### **Consider Additional Meds**

(After epinephrine):

- » Antihistamine
- » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if asthma

#### **Positioning**

Lay the person flat and raise legs. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.

#### **Next Steps**

- » If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
- Transport to and remain in ER for at least4 hours because symptoms may return.

Do not depend on antihistamines. When in doubt, give epinephrine and call 911.

