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Dear Families,

It's back to school time again, which means its time to get all the paperwork completed before the first day of school! Does your child have food allergies? If yes, do you have an up-to-date epinephrine injector? Are you going to need a refill for school/daycare/home/sports? [If you need a new refill for the Epinephrine injector, please read the information below as there is an Epinephrine shortage.](#)

Although there is no "good" time for an Epinephrine shortage, it is really challenging for it to happen during back to school time! The official information about the shortage can be found on the American Academy of Pediatrics website by [clicking here](#).

**For those of you who have an expired EpiPen:** The FDA reviewed EpiPen stability data and extended the expiration date of certain batches of 0.3 milligram auto-injectors. **The full list of lot numbers and the updated expiration date can be found by [clicking here](#).** This means you should check your EpiPen's lot number and check the website to see if your EpiPen has a new revised expiration date. If your EpiPen has a new expiration date, we can provide a letter for you to give to the school.

**For those of you who need a new refill or have an expired EpiPen Jr.:** There are a couple of options for you.

1. Families and pharmacies trying to locate available EpiPens can call the distributor, Mylan at 800-796-9526.
2. Your pediatrician can prescribe an alternative, Auvi-Q, which is shipped directly to you. Please call the office at (301) 279-6750 and select option 5 to discuss with one of our medical advice nurses. You may also email us at [advicenurse@potomacpediatrics.com](mailto:advicenurse@potomacpediatrics.com)

We are here to help facilitate this process for you. We have also been in communication with MCPS, who is currently formulating a procedure for this situation but has not yet published an official protocol.

Our goal is to provide information to our patients and families as quickly and efficiently as possible. We will continue to update you as we learn more information.

Need to have medication forms completed? [Click here](#) to submit online!

Thank You,

*Doctors at Potomac Pediatrics*