

Good Afternoon,

As the parent of a child with an Anaphylactic allergy to Peanuts, we have learned various strategies over the years to deal with and accommodate daily living with a life threatening allergy.

Traveling outside our normal comfort zone is always challenging, and sometimes despite the best laid plans, things can go awry. In the interest of keeping our child (and all those with life threatening allergies) safe, we urge you to

include having appropriate measures in place regardless of the type of travel. This means, across every type of travel, having consistent staff training and education on the signs, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis and protocols in place to accommodate passengers with food allergies.

I would particularly request that the mitigating measures outlined below become a strict regulation that is enforced to the letter of the law, not just a loose recommendation.

The Inquiry Officer found that the following [mitigation measures](#) would be the most effective:

- a buffer zone, consisting of the row in which the allergic passenger sits or the pod-seat, as applicable;
- an announcement to other passengers within the buffer zone that they must refrain from eating peanuts, nuts or sesame seeds or foods containing these;
- not serving meals or snacks containing peanuts, nuts or sesame seeds in the buffer zone (recognizing that any food may contain trace amounts of the allergens);
- advising passengers with allergies to peanuts, nuts and sesame seeds who provide advance notification of their allergies that they are expected to take the same precautions they take during their daily living, including carrying their allergy medication on their person; wiping down their seat area to remove any allergens; bringing their own food;
- abatement, by allowing passengers to wipe down their seating areas;
- having policies on air carrier websites in order to inform passengers on how to make arrangements for accommodation and what their responsibilities are; and,
- training flight crews on signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Our family also suffers from allergies to cats and animal dander and would welcome a guideline that respects our needs as well as those traveling with service animals. I realize that it can be difficult to accommodate everyone's needs, but surely some common ground can be found, with a little common sense!

Thank you for your time and consideration. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Carla Harris