

I would like to provide feedback with regards to travel for people with severe allergies. I believe that a person with server allergies should always carry their epi pens on any mode of travel. However, I feel strongly that flight staff or any transportation staff should be educated and trained in the use of an epi pen in case the person who may suffer a reaction is unable to administer their own epi pen. I also feel that epi pens should be kept on board of planes, trains etc. in case a second dose is required or a passenger does not have an epi-pen or it malfunctions or is expired etc.

One of the biggest things travel vessels can control is what they provide and serve with regards to food. Eliminating food items with allergens would be a huge step in protecting passengers from possible exposure to an allergen. Unfortunately complete control of what other passengers bring on board is difficult and therefore having the epi pens on board as a standard safety feature is a must. Education and communication to the other passengers when someone with severe allergies is on board would be another good standard protocol.

As an epi pen is only the first line of defense in response to an allergic reaction and getting to an emergency room is the ultimate course of action, being in a transportation vessel that is potentially miles and hours away from a hospital, having epi pens aboard is vital as it may be the only life saving measure available.

Thank you for reviewing my feedback and comments.

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