

I travel by airplane with a youth who is anaphylactic to peanuts and treenuts. We find airlines really inconsistent in their requirements and application of protocol (if there is a protocol) for notification regarding a buffer zone, for whether or not they will avoid serving nut-laden snack food, and for if and how they will inform other passengers.

1. Clear minimum standards without regarding buffer zone policy and how passengers are informed of it will help to avoid dangerous errors and omissions. Prescriptive and detailed regulations will help to protect the safety of these vulnerable passengers.

2. Ensuring allergy-friendly snacks are served or available for purchase. Avoiding nut-laden snacks on menus when this is such a common (and usually anaphylactic) allergy.

3. Perhaps designating "allergy sensitive" rows near the front of the plane that are kept nut-free or cleaned more diligently by staff in between flights would help to alleviate the stress of this kind of travel.

Thank you,
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