

# Free EpiPens Coming To A School Near You

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**ST. LOUIS (KMOX)** - It's a big relief for parents who have kids with severe allergies.

The maker of EpiPens, used to provide immediate help to those who suffer a severe allergic reaction, will now give free EpiPens to every single school in the nation who requests one.

Joy Krieger, executive director of the St. Louis Chapter of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, calls it a life-saving measure.

"In the past few years, we've heard a lot of talk about defibrillators being placed in the gymnasium of schools because of situations where a child's heart just stops and because of the defibrillators, you save a life," Krieger said. "So this is another form of that, where we can save a life."

All St. Louis City and County schools also now have on hand the drug albuterol, which is used as a rescue medication for any child who may suffer an asthma attack.