

# Food Allergy Basics

## 8 Most Common Food Allergens

- Milk
- Eggs
- Peanuts
- Tree Nuts
- Soy
- Wheat
- Fish
- Shellfish

Note: Any food can cause a reaction

## Know the Difference

### **Food Intolerance**

when the body has difficulty digesting a certain food—the immune system is not affected

### **Food Allergy**

an immune system response to a certain food

### **Anaphylaxis**

a sudden, severe allergic reaction that can cause difficulty breathing, tongue and throat swelling—even DEATH

## What Does an Allergic Reaction Look Like?

- Hives
- Puffy face, lips, or tongue
- Itchy red skin
- Hard to breathe
- Tight throat
- Hard to swallow
- Tummy ache
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting (Throwing-up)
- Weakness (drop in blood pressure)

In case of an Allergic Reaction  
**Give Epinephrine then Call 911**