## FOOD ALLERGY COLLEGE CHECKLIST

## Visiting and Before Arriving on Campus

- Ask questions, and lots of them:
  - How much training does staff receive on food allergies and avoiding cross-contact?
  - Is ingredient and allergen information readily available in the dining hall and online?
  - Is there a dedicated area in the kitchen for allergy orders, complete with separate prep area and utensils or mechanisms to wash the prep area and utensils?
  - Are customized meals available.
- Arrange to meet with the disabilities office and the dietitian and/or food services director. Ask if it is possible to have a meal at the same time this way the school's allergy practice can be seen in action.
- When choosing a new location, consider the availability and distance to hospitals and emergency services.
- Transfer all current prescriptions to a convenient new pharmacy that is easy to access. Track dates for medication refills and expiration.
- Refer to "Find an Allergist" on ACCAI.org or AAAAI.org to locate a board-certified allergist in your new location.
- Review/update your anaphylaxis emergency action plan with your allergist before you leave for college.
- Consider reviewing availabel off campus restaurants to know who is experienced with serving people with food allergies.



