

Health Canada issued a notice on October 28th, 2015--- this impacts all schools that may have purchased their own Allerject as a school resource, our staff members who may carry this for their personal use, as well as the Allerject that parents have sent in to treat their child's allergic reactions. It would be advisable for administrators to send notices home to the parents of children with allergy management plans [Policy 704] that the school needs a replacement product. There is currently an exchange program in pharmacies. Please see below for full details:

Sanofi-aventis Canada Inc., in consultation with Health Canada, is [recalling all lots of Allerject \(0.15 mg/0.15mL and 0.3 mg/0.3 mL strength epinephrine auto-injectors\)](#) from the Canadian market. A similar recall is taking place in the United States, where it's sold as Auvi-Q.

This recall is due to issues that may potentially affect the delivery of the required amount of the drug, epinephrine. Allerject is used as an emergency treatment by patients who are at risk and/or have a history of serious allergic reactions (anaphylaxis).

In light of the need to manage supply associated with this recall, we are asking customers and pharmacists to limit the replacement of Allerject to one unit or the appropriate number of units as instructed by your healthcare professional until full alternative stock is available.

Products affected

1. Allerject Pre-filled Autoinjector (DIN02382059 – 0.15mg/0.15mL epinephrine).
2. Allerject Pre-filled Autoinjector (DIN02382067 – 0.3mg/0.3mL epinephrine).

What you should do

- Contact your pharmacy to arrange returning your Allerject device and to obtain a replacement epinephrine auto-injector with the same dose.
- Consult your pharmacist to ensure you understand how to properly use the replacement auto-injector.
- In the event a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) occurs before you can obtain a replacement auto injector, use your Allerject device as directed by your healthcare provider, and then seek emergency medical attention.
- Speak with your healthcare professional if you are concerned about your health or your child's health.
- Report any adverse events to [Health Canada](#).

Who is affected

Adults and children who use Allerject (0.15 mg / 0.15 mL and 0.3 mg/0.3 mL auto-injector).

More information available at:

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2015/55620a-eng.php>

Please pass this information on to your staff and any parents to whom it applies. If you have purchased your own school Allerject or have a kit, please exchange the auto-injector as soon as possible as per the note above.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.