

North Austin Thursday Co-op Allergen Policy

North Austin Thursday Co-op seeks to include children with special medical and physical needs, when possible. While the coop cannot and expressly does not make a promise of safety or take responsibility in any form for the medical needs of any child, we are happy to work with families to provide reasonable accommodations to special needs. This includes, but is not limited to, asking coop members not to bring certain foods that may trigger a severe medical reaction in a member, attempting to provide access for individuals using wheelchairs or other assistive devices and considering needs in the assigning of locations and assistants to classes.

If you have a family member whom this policy might benefit, please submit a written request via email for accommodation directly to the coop leadership. They will work with you to understand your need and brainstorm a way to accommodate your need while also attempting to minimize impact on coop as a whole. Additionally, at your request, the entire coop will be notified of the medical need and informed of steps that the coop has put in place in order to protect the family member. This will, from time to time, include asking coop members as a whole to act or not act in certain ways for the benefit of one coop member.

At no time does the coop accept medical responsibility for your child or family member. It is up to the parent to determine if the requested accommodations are sufficient for the family member to attend coop at their own risk with the courtesy accommodations that have been put into place at your request. We also do not guarantee that any accommodation will be performed perfectly or without error. While the entire coop will adhere to the accommodation as best as they are able, unintentional mistakes sometimes happen and it is up to the family to assess whether they can attend coop given that risk. The coop also asks that you assist the coop leadership and coop community to develop alternative activities or materials if there arises the need to modify a class to the benefit of your child or to correct an unintentional mistake.