

# FOOD ALLERGIES

*What you need to know*



Millions of people have food allergies that can range from mild to life-threatening.



**\*Always let the guest make their own decision.**

**When a guest informs you that someone in their party has a food allergy, follow the four R's below:**

- **Refer** the food allergy concern to the chef, manager, or person in charge.
- **Review** the food allergy with the guest and check the ingredient labels.
- **Remember** to check the preparation procedure for potential cross-contact.
- **Respond** to the guest and inform them of your findings.

## **ALLERGIC REACTIONS CAN INCLUDE:**

- Hives
- Flushed skin or rash
- Tingling or itchy sensation in the mouth
- Face, tongue, or lip swelling
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Abdominal cramps
- Coughing or wheezing
- Dizziness and/or lightheadedness
- Swelling of the throat or vocal cords
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of consciousness
- Anaphylaxis
- Death