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To Students requiring allergy immunotherapy,

Coe Health Services will no longer be providing allergy immunotherapy services. This decision was made after careful review of the Journal of Allergy Clinical Immunology update on guidelines for administering immunotherapy in the clinic setting. While Coe Health Services does have injectable epinephrine on site, the clinic does not have the additional necessary emergency supplies required in case of an anaphylactic situation (oxygen tank, IV fluids, etc). Because we cannot meet all of the requirements at this time, and the student's safety is our biggest concern, we will refer immunotherapy services to a specialized allergy clinic.

As a consumer of health care, please feel free to choose the clinic of your choice for these services. Cedar Rapids has numerous primary care clinics, as well as allergy clinics, that are accepting new patients.

The **Physicians' Clinic of Iowa, P.C.** is the medical pavilion located less than half a mile from Coe's campus (the medical pavilion is about two blocks away, when heading southwest on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.) The Ear, Nose, and Throat (Allergy) clinic is located on the second floor of the plaza, and has allergists that are excited for the opportunity to work with Coe students.

**To schedule your initial appointment, please call 319.399.2022.**

Their website is a wonderful resource:

<http://www.pcofiowa.com/specialties-services/allergy/>

PCIs current allergy injection hours:

Monday: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Weekends: Closed

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we do feel this is best practice for Coe students in need of allergy immunotherapy. Please feel free to contact Coe Student Health Services if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Director of Coe College Student Health Services

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