

Peanut-free Baseball at the Metrodome

By Anaphylaxis & Food Allergy Association of MN

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Minnesota Twins Offers Skybox for Allergic Fans

The **Anaphylaxis & Food Allergy Association of Minnesota (AFAA)** and the **Minnesota Twins** are partnering to promote a peanut-free skybox section for those with peanut allergies. The Metrodome skybox will be available for four games this season: Tuesday, May 20th (against the Texas Rangers); Monday, June 30th (against the Detroit Tigers); Tuesday, July 29th (against the Chicago White Sox) Monday, August 18th (against the Oakland A's).

There will be seating for up to 110 allergic individuals and family members in the skybox, which overlooks right field. All games begin at 7:10 p.m. Central Time. AFAA volunteers will staff the skybox during the game.

Food brought into the skybox is screened by Twins staff to ensure that peanut ingredients are not allowed into the area.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at www.twinsbaseball.com/peanut or by calling the ticket office at 612-33-TWINS or 800-33-TWINS & referencing the "peanut free zone".

Individuals allergic to peanuts can have reactions triggered by ingesting foods with peanut as an ingredient, using utensils or eating foods cross-contaminated (i.e. having contact) with peanut, inhaling dust from open bags of peanuts, and sometimes merely touching a surface where peanuts or peanut butter have been. Reactions can range from hives to throat constriction, respiratory distress, vomiting, edema, blood pressure drop and shock. There is no cure for food allergies: avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.

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AFAA is a Minnesota-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, advocate, and support those with food allergies. It is the largest state-level food allergy organization in the U.S. and is known nationally for its accomplishments and activities.

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