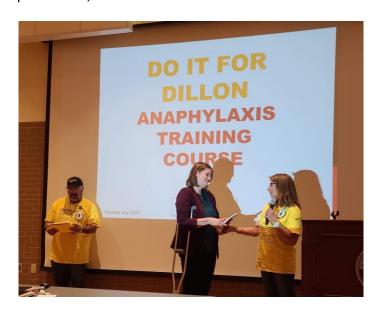


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Pictured above: Rep. Katrina Shankland joins George and Angel Mueller to address the crowd at the "Dillon's Law 2.0" Pen Ceremony and EpiPen Training (left); Stevens Point Mayor Mike Wiza, George and Angel Mueller, and Rep. Katrina Shankland celebrate "Dillon's Law 2.0" on the UWSP campus (right)

Rep. Shankland Celebrates "Dillon's Law 2.0," Legislation Expanding Epinephrine Access

STEVENS POINT- Yesterday, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) joined healthcare professionals, UW-Stevens Point students, and epinephrine access advocates at UW-Stevens Point to celebrate 2021 Wisconsin Act 218, "Dillon's Law 2.0." This legislation authorizes the use of an epinephrine prefilled syringe for prescription, possession, and administration by trained individuals. Additionally, it authorizes the Department of Health Services and health care practitioners to issue standing orders to dispense epinephrine to people who have completed the required training for the administration of epinephrine.

Rep. Shankland, who cosponsored the bipartisan bill, issued the following statement:

"I am proud to have cosponsored this crucial legislation to expand epinephrine access and training across Wisconsin. This new law will prevent and treat life-threatening allergic reactions. Throughout my time in the Legislature, I have supported multiple bills to broaden access to epinephrine, and together, our work has saved lives. I am grateful to join so many strong champions of expanding epinephrine access to celebrate our achievements toward this goal. I also participated in a training in how to recognize anaphylaxis and use an EpiPen. Because I completed the training, under Dillon's Law 2.0, I can now get an EpiPen, have it on hand, and administer it if someone is experiencing anaphylaxis. The more people who participate in this training, the better for our community and state.



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This new law is a testament to the power that people have when we unite behind a common goal of enhancing the health and well-being of our communities and protecting vulnerable individuals. In expanding epinephrine devices to include prefilled syringes, Dillon's Law 2.0 empowers more trained individuals to administer epinephrine. This allows them to help those experiencing severe allergic reactions before emergency medical services arrive and prevents needless deaths and hospitalizations.

Everyone deserves access to life-saving medication, and I am proud of the work we have done to expand availability to this vital and necessary care across Wisconsin. Thank you to the parents of Dillon Mueller, Angel and George, for advocating for this life-saving legislation, to the many individuals who worked to get this bill signed into law, and to those across the state, including Dr. Len Markman from Amherst, who are working to educate and train individuals on administering epinephrine. Together, we can keep our communities safe and protect those around us from fatal allergic reactions."

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