

Review the power point deck and post twice. For your first post, answer two of the five questions below (8 points):

1. Do you believe the “hygiene hypothesis” is supported? Explain your answer.*
2. Peanut allergies were extremely rare prior to the 1990’s and the chart from the CDC shows how life-threatening food allergy events in children increased dramatically from 1998-2006. Can you think of any changes in hygiene during the last 30-40 years that could have played a role in the rising trend of childhood allergies?
3. What practical changes to lifestyle and diet might be used to mitigate the food allergy epidemic in children?
4. Do you believe the “injected vaccine hypothesis” is supported? Explain your answer.*
5. Peanut allergies were extremely rare prior to the 1990’s and the chart from the CDC shows how life-threatening food allergy events in children increased dramatically from 1998-2006. Can you think of any changes in the childhood vaccine schedule during the last 30-40 years that could have played a role in the rising trend of childhood allergies?
6. What practical changes to the vaccine schedule and/or technology might be used to mitigate the food allergy epidemic in children?
7. Do you think that special interests are disproportionately influencing research on the rising trend of childhood allergies? Explain.

* It is acceptable to fully or partially support both the hygiene and injected vaccine hypothesis. It is also acceptable to reject both hypothesis. Just be sure to defend your answer.

For your second post you need to respond to a classmate (2 points). Below is a suggested format for responding (Choose only one of these):

1) I like how because.....

or

2) I agree/disagree with.....because...

or.

3) This relates to.....because.....