



## DEFINITIONS:

1. Choking: a witnessed episode of the child putting an object into his/her mouth Which results in paroxysmal coughing lasting at least 1 minute.
2. High risk object: any small hard pieces of food, especially nuts or nut fragments, seeds, raw carrots, raw apples, Raw pears, unpopped popcorn kernels, dried peas or beans, or any small pieces of toys, plastic, metal, pebbles, stones or beads.
3. Low risk object: processed dried cereal, wet noodles, chips, pretzels without nuts, soft or pureed foods, cheese.
4. Acute respiratory symptoms: sudden onset of coughing and/or dyspnea in an otherwise healthy child.
5. Positive signs and symptoms: persistent cough or focal wheezing or localized decreased air entry.
6. Positive Radiological findings: air trapping with expiration (with or without mediastinal shift) or marked consolidation or marked atelectasis or radiopaque object.