



A striped scorpion sting is similar to a wasp sting, leaving a small welt at the sting site. And, like a wasp sting, it can cause an allergic reaction in sensitized individuals. Your friend is suffering from a potentially life-threatening systemic allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) and requires an 0.3 cc intramuscular (IM) injection of epinephrine to reverse the signs and symptoms and an oral antihistamine to prevent their recurrence. His breathing and hives should disappear within a few minutes. If his signs and symptoms don't resolve or get worse, he will need a second epinephrine injection. Keep the antihistamine—Benadryl™ is commonly used—current for 24-72 hours.

Assuming his signs and symptoms resolve with the epinephrine and do not return, he is not in any immediate danger unless he gets stung again. NOTE: that a cross reaction between scorpion stings and member of the hymenoptera family—wasps, bees, hornets, and fire ants—are possible but rare. Caution him to shake out his bedding, clothing, life-jacket etc., to wear shoes when in camp, and to pay attention to the presence of fire ants and other members of the hymenoptera family when in the kitchen or around food. Ideally you have additional doses of epinephrine available in your group; if so, keep two doses within easy access throughout the remainder of the trip.