



# My Asthma Action Plan For Home and School



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Severity Classification:  Intermittent  Mild Persistent  Moderate Persistent  Severe Persistent

Asthma Triggers (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Peak Flow Meter Personal Best: \_\_\_\_\_

## Green Zone: Doing Well

Symptoms: Breathing is good – No cough or wheeze – Can work and play – Sleeps well at night

Peak Flow Meter \_\_\_\_\_ (more than 80% of personal best)

Flu Vaccine—Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Next flu vaccine due: \_\_\_\_\_ COVID19 vaccine—Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Control Medicine(s)	Medicine	How much to take	When and how often to take it	Take at
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> School
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Physical Activity  Use Albuterol/Levalbuterol \_\_\_\_\_ puffs, 15 minutes before activity  with all activity  when you feel you need it

## Yellow Zone: Caution

Symptoms: Some problems breathing – Cough, wheeze, or tight chest – Problems working or playing – Wake at night

Peak Flow Meter \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (between 50% and 79% of personal best)

Quick-relief Medicine(s)  Albuterol/Levalbuterol \_\_\_\_\_ puffs, every 20 minutes for up to 4 hours as needed

Control Medicine(s)  Continue Green Zone medicines  
 Add \_\_\_\_\_  Change to \_\_\_\_\_

You should feel better within 20–60 minutes of the quick-relief treatment. If you are getting worse or are in the Yellow Zone for more than 24 hours, THEN follow the instructions in the RED ZONE and call the doctor right away!

## Red Zone: Get Help Now!

Symptoms: Lots of problems breathing – Cannot work or play – Getting worse instead of better – Medicine is not helping

Peak Flow Meter \_\_\_\_\_ (less than 50% of personal best)

Take Quick-relief Medicine NOW!  Albuterol/Levalbuterol \_\_\_\_\_ puffs, \_\_\_\_\_ (how frequently)

Call 911 immediately if the following danger signs are present:

- Trouble walking/talking due to shortness of breath
- Lips or fingernails are blue
- Still in the red zone after 15 minutes

**School Staff:** Follow the Yellow and Red Zone instructions for the quick-relief medicines according to asthma symptoms. The only control medicines to be administered in the school are those listed in the Green Zone with a check mark next to “Take at School”.

Both the Healthcare Provider and the Parent/Guardian feel that the child has demonstrated the skills to carry and self-administer their quick-relief inhaler, including when to tell an adult if symptoms do not improve after taking the medicine.

### Healthcare Provider

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian

I give permission for the medicines listed in the action plan to be administered in school by the nurse or other school staff as appropriate.  
 I consent to communication between the prescribing health care provider or clinic, the school nurse, the school medical advisor and school-based health clinic providers necessary for asthma management and administration of this medicine.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### School Nurse

The student has demonstrated the skills to carry and self-administer their quick-relief inhaler, including when to tell an adult if symptoms do not improve after taking the medicine.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a signed copy back to the provider listed above.

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## MDI, DPI vs. Neb Inhalation Technique

Proper inhalation technique is important when using these medications.

Scan the QR Code to Access How-To Videos



## Resources for Asthma

- Asthma Care Quick Reference  
[https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/guidelines/asthma\\_qrg.pdf](https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/guidelines/asthma_qrg.pdf)
- American Lung Association  
[www.lung.org/asthma](http://www.lung.org/asthma)

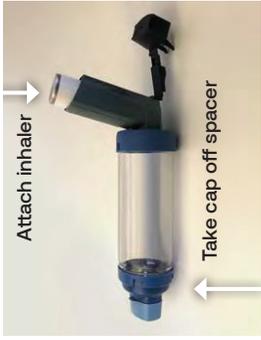
## How to use your inhaler and spacer



1. Take the cap off the inhaler



2. Shake the inhaler for 5 seconds



3. Attach to spacer and take cap off spacer



4. Breathe **OUT** all the way



5. Close lips around mouthpiece



6. Press down here



7. Breathe in **SLOWLY, DEEPLY**



8. Hold your breath for 10 seconds if you can. Then breathe out slowly.



If you need another puff of medicine, wait 1 minute then repeat steps 5-9.



9. Rinse with water and **SPIT OUT**

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You can also connect with a respiratory therapist for one-on-one, free support the American Lung Association's Lung HelpLine at **1-800-LUNGUSA**.

