

**OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
ASTHMA ACTION PLAN
FOR USE WITH INHALER AUTHORIZATION FORM**

PROCEDURES ON REVERSE

PART I TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:

Student _____ DOB _____ School _____ Grade _____
 Parent / Emergency Contact _____ Phone number(s) _____
 _____ 1.) _____ 2.) _____
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What triggers your child's asthma attack: (Check all that apply)

- Illness Cigarette or other smoke Food _____
 Emotions Exercise Allergies Cat Dog Dust Mold Pollen
 Weather changes Chemical odors Other _____

Describe the symptoms your child experiences before or during an asthma episode: (Check all that apply)

- Cough "Tightness" in chest Rubbing chin/neck
 Shortness of breath Breathing hard/fast Feeling tired/weak
 Wheezing Runny nose Other _____

PART II TO BE COMPLETED BY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

The child's asthma is: mild persistent moderate persistent severe persistent EXERCISE-INDUCED

Symptoms	Peak Flow	Treatment (For medication administered during school sanctioned activities, attach a complete Inhaler/ Medication Authorization form)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cough or wheeze Able to sleep through the night Able to run and play Usual medications control asthma 	GREEN ZONE WELL > _____ _____	Controller	How much	When
		<input type="checkbox"/> Advair		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Flovent (with spacer)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmicort		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Singulair		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Serevent		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
		Relievers		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol (with spacer/nebulizer)	2 puffs 1 minute apart prn	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 min before exercise
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased asthma symptoms (shortness of breath, cough, chest pain) Wakes at night due to asthma Unable to do usual activities Needs reliever medications more often 	YELLOW ZONE SICK _____ to _____ _____	1. Continue daily controller medications 2. Give albuterol 2-4 puffs (one minute between puffs) with spacer or 1 nebulizer treatment, wait 20 min. If no improvement, repeat 2-4 puffs. Wait 20 minutes. If no improvement, repeat 2-4 puffs. This will be 3 doses in one hour, proceed to 3 3. If child returns to Green Zone: Continue to give albuterol 2 puffs every 4 hours for 1 to 2 more days Increase controller to _____ for next 7 days 4. No physical exercise Physical exercise as tolerated If child remains in Yellow Zone for more than 1-2 days or requires albuterol more than every 4 hours, call your doctor NOW!		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very short of breath, difficulty breathing Constant cough Reliever medications do not help 	RED ZONE EMERGENCY! < _____ _____	Give albuterol (2 puffs with spacer) NOW, and repeat every 20 minutes for 2 more doses OR give 1 dose nebulized albuterol – Call your doctor Seek emergency care or call 911 if: Child is struggling to breathe and there is no improvement 20 minutes after taking albuterol Trouble talking or walking Lips or fingernails are gray or blue Chest or neck is pulling in with breathing		

For inhaled medications:

Student is able to perform procedure alone and may carry the inhaler with them, consult school nurse for local protocol

Student is able to perform procedure with supervision
Student requires a staff member to perform procedure

Notify health care provider if:

More than 2 absences related to asthma per month
Albuterol is being used as a rescue medication 2 times per week at school

The child is persistently in the Yellow Zone

Licensed Health Care Provider Signature Date Phone

I approve this Asthma Action Plan for my child. I give my permission for school personnel to follow this plan, release the information contained in this management plan to all adults who have custodial care of my child and who may need to know this information to maintain my child's health and safety and contact my physician if necessary. I assume full responsibility for providing the school with prescribed medication and delivery/monitoring devices.

Parent Signature Date

Adapted from: Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Department of Education. (2004) *Guidelines for Specialized Health Care Pro*

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PART III TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL OR REGISTERED NURSE

Student _____ School _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Physician _____ Office phone number _____

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN CHECK LIST FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- Asthma Action Plan Part I and II complete yes no
- Medication authorization complete yes no n/a
- Inhaler authorization complete yes no n/a
- Medication maintained in school designated area yes no
- Medication self carried yes no
- Expiration date of medication (s) _____

- Staff trained in medication administration yes no
- Copies of plan provided to:

Educational	yes	no	n/a		After school	yes	no	n/a
Athletic	yes	no	n/a		Food service	yes	no	n/a

IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR SYMPTOMS

IF YOU SEE THIS:	DO THIS:
Complains of chest tightness Coughing Difficulty breathing Wheezing	1. Stop activity 2. Give one puff of rescue inhaler 3. Wait at least 1 minute 4. Give second puff of rescue inhaler 5. Allow student to rest 6. If no improvement in 15 minutes, repeat steps 2-4 7. If symptoms worsen call 911 and parents/emergency contact
IF YOU SEE THIS	DO THIS IMMEDIATELY
Coughs constantly Struggles or gasps for breath Chest and neck pull in with breathing Stooped over posture Trouble walking or talking Lips or fingernails are gray or blue	1. Call 911 2. Give rescue medication 3. Call parents/emergency contact

Full Asthma Action Plan has been implemented.

Principal or Registered Nurse

Date