

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_



# My Asthma Action Plan

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

# How to Use a Metered-Dose Inhaler with a Valved Holding Chamber (Spacer)

**Prime a brand-new inhaler:** Before using it for the first time, if you have not used it for more than 7 days, or if it has been dropped.



1. Shake inhaler 10 seconds.



2. Take the cap off the inhaler and valved holding chamber. Make sure the mouthpiece and valved holding chamber are clean and there is nothing inside the mouthpieces.



3. Put inhaler into the chamber/spacer.



4. Breathe out away from the device.



5. Put chamber mouthpiece in mouth.



6. Press inhaler once and breathe in deep and steadily.



7. Hold your breath for 10 seconds, then breathe out slowly.

If you need another puff of medicine, wait 1 minute and repeat steps 4-7.



8. Rinse with water and spit it out.

Proper inhalation technique is important when taking your asthma medicine(s) and monitoring your breathing. Make sure to bring all your medicines and devices to each visit with your primary care provider or pharmacist to check for correct use, or if you have trouble using them.

For more videos, handouts, tutorials and resources, visit [Lung.org](https://www.lung.org).

Scan the QR Code to access How-To Videos



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

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