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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
				☐ Home ☐ 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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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.

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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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