

Asthma Action Plan

For: _____ Doctor: _____ Date: _____
 Doctor's Phone Number _____ Hospital/Emergency Department Phone Number _____

GREEN ZONE

Doing Well

- No cough, wheeze, chest tightness, or shortness of breath during the day or night
- Can do usual activities

And, if a peak flow meter is used,

Peak flow: more than _____
 (80 percent or more of my best peak flow)

My best peak flow is: _____

Before exercise _____ 2 or 4 puffs _____ 5 minutes before exercise

Take these long-term control medicines each day (include an anti-inflammatory).

Medicine	How much to take	When to take it
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

YELLOW ZONE

Asthma Is Getting Worse

- Cough, wheeze, chest tightness, or shortness of breath, or
- Waking at night due to asthma, or
- Can do some, but not all, usual activities

-Or-

Peak flow: _____ to _____
 (50 to 79 percent of my best peak flow)



First Add: quick-relief medicine—and keep taking your GREEN ZONE medicine.

_____ 2 or 4 puffs, every 20 minutes for up to 1 hour
 (short-acting beta₂-agonist) Nebulizer, once



Second If your symptoms (and peak flow, if used) return to GREEN ZONE after 1 hour of above treatment:

Continue monitoring to be sure you stay in the green zone.

-Or-

If your symptoms (and peak flow, if used) do not return to GREEN ZONE after 1 hour of above treatment:

- Take: _____ 2 or 4 puffs or Nebulizer
 (short-acting beta₂-agonist)
- Add: _____ mg per day For _____ (3–10) days
 (oral steroid)
- Call the doctor before/ within _____ hours after taking the oral steroid.

RED ZONE

Medical Alert!

- Very short of breath, or
- Quick-relief medicines have not helped, or
- Cannot do usual activities, or
- Symptoms are same or get worse after 24 hours in Yellow Zone

-Or-

Peak flow: less than _____
 (50 percent of my best peak flow)

Take this medicine:

- _____ 4 or 6 puffs or Nebulizer
 (short-acting beta₂-agonist)
- _____ mg
 (oral steroid)

Then call your doctor NOW. Go to the hospital or call an ambulance if:

- You are still in the red zone after 15 minutes AND
- You have not reached your doctor.

DANGER SIGNS

- Trouble walking and talking due to shortness of breath
- Lips or fingernails are blue
- Take 4 or 6 puffs of your quick-relief medicine AND
- Go to the hospital or call for an ambulance _____ NOW!
 (phone)

See the reverse side for things you can do to avoid your asthma triggers.