



# Asthma Action Plan

Breathing easier in Iowa  
The Iowa Asthma Control Program

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(Press Firmly)

The colors of the traffic light will help you use your asthma medicines.

|                                |               |                              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Name                           | Date of Birth | Effective Date<br>/ / to / / |
| Doctor                         |               | Parent/Guardian              |
| Doctor's Office Phone Number   |               | Parent's Phone               |
| Emergency Contact After Parent |               | Contact Phone                |



**Green means Go Zone!**  
Use preventive medicine.

**Yellow means Caution Zone!**  
Add prescribed yellow zone medicine.

**Red means Danger Zone!**  
Get help from a doctor.

**Pay Attention to Symptoms.**

## GO (Green)

You have **all** of these:

- Breathing is good
- No cough or wheeze
- Sleep through the night
- Can work and play

Peak flow from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Best Peak Flow**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CAUTION (Yellow)

You have **any** of these:

- First sign of cold
- Exposure to known trigger
- Cough
- Mild wheeze
- Tight chest
- Coughing at night

Peak flow from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_

## DANGER (Red)

Your asthma is getting **worse fast**:

- Medicine is not helping
- Breathing is hard and fast
- Nose opens wide
- Ribs show
- Lips blue
- Fingernails blue
- Trouble walking and talking

Peak flow from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_

## Use these medicines every day

| MEDICINE/DOSAGE | HOW MUCH TO TAKE | WHEN TO TAKE IT |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                 |                  |                 |
|                 |                  |                 |
| COMMENTS:       |                  |                 |

For asthma with exercise, take:

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## Continue with green zone medicine and ADD:

| MEDICINE/DOSAGE | HOW MUCH TO TAKE | WHEN TO TAKE IT |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                 |                  |                 |
|                 |                  |                 |
| COMMENTS:       |                  |                 |

**IF QUICK RELIEVER/YELLOW ZONE MEDICINE IS NEEDED MORE THAN 2-3 TIMES A WEEK THEN CALL YOUR DOCTOR.**

## Take these medicines and call your doctor

| EMERGENCY MEDICINE/DOSAGE | HOW MUCH TO TAKE | WHEN TO TAKE IT |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                           |                  |                 |
|                           |                  |                 |
| COMMENTS:                 |                  |                 |

## Get help from a doctor now! It's important!

Asthma is a potentially life threatening illness. If you cannot contact your doctor, go directly to the emergency room. **DO NOT WAIT.** Make an appointment with your primary care provider within two days of an ER visit or hospitalization.

Check all items that trigger your asthma and things that could make your asthma worse:

- Chalk Dust
- Cigarette smoke & second hand smoke
- Colds/Flu
- Dust mites, dust, stuffed animals, carpet
- Exercise
- Mold
- Ozone alert days
- Pests - rodents & cockroaches
- Pets - animal dander
- Plants, flowers, cut grass, pollen
- Strong odors, perfumes, cleaning products, scented products
- Sudden temperature change
- Wood smoke
- Foods: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This student is capable and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administering the medications named above (or attached prescription).

This student is not approved to self-medicate.

Check asthma severity:       Mild Intermittent     Mild Persistent     Moderate Persistent     Severe Persistent

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WHITE - School/Child Care Copy

Pink - Family Copy

Yellow - Doctor Copy

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