

# ASTHMA RELIEF for CHILDREN in SCHOOLS is now EASIER than EVER.



Pima County schools can EASILY provide quick relief medication (e.g., albuterol) to children in respiratory distress. The **STOCK INHALER FOR SCHOOLS** program provides each participating school with:

**TRAINING:** School nurses & lay health personnel are provided with training on how to identify respiratory distress, administer albuterol, & safely store medications for future use.

**SCHOOL KIT:** Each participating school receives a school kit that includes: a medical order, albuterol medication, Thayer LiteAire® spacers, documentation forms & additional resources.

**SUPPORT:** This program is a collaboration between Banner University Medical Center, the Pima County Health Department, Thayer Medical Corporation & the University of Arizona Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center.



Visit: [www.lungresearch.arizona.edu/stockinhaler](http://www.lungresearch.arizona.edu/stockinhaler) for more resources.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PARTICIPATION

*Q: How does my school participate in this program?*

A: Please visit [www.lungresearch.arizona.edu/stockinhaler](http://www.lungresearch.arizona.edu/stockinhaler) to download the “School Enrollment Form”. Once completed, the form should be emailed to [stockinhaler@email.arizona.edu](mailto:stockinhaler@email.arizona.edu) and the program coordinator will contact you with further instructions on training requirements and obtaining your school’s kit.

## COST

*Q: How much does it cost to participate in this program?*

A: There is no cost for schools in Pima County to participate in the Stock Inhaler for Schools program for 2017-2018. The supplies for this program have been graciously donated by Banner University Medical Center, the Pima County Health Department, Thayer Medical, and the Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center.

## STORING THE STOCK INHALER

*Q: Where should my school store the stock inhaler?*

A: The school should store the stock inhaler in a secure location that is accessible by a trained school staff member. Generally, albuterol inhalers should be stored at room temperature.

## MEDICAL ORDER

*Q: Where do we get a medical order for the stock albuterol?*

A: If a school does not have a medical director, the medical order for stock albuterol will be provided by the Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Pima County Health Department, Dr. Francisco Garcia.

## OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

*Q: Does the law require schools to provide stock albuterol at school or related school events on or off campus?*

A: No, the law does not require schools to provide stock albuterol at school or related school events that occur on or off campus. However, schools can make the inhaler available for these conditions if they choose.

## INHALER USE

*Q: Who can use the stock inhaler?*

A: Any individual who presents with respiratory distress may be administered the stock inhaler by a trained school staff member.

## SIDE EFFECTS

*Q: Can albuterol hurt a child if they do not have asthma?*

A: The risk is much greater to not treat a child with the stock inhaler regardless of asthma diagnosis. Side effects such as headache, dizziness, nausea, and sore throat are possible but are usually limited in duration and not severe.

## TRAINING

*Q: Who provides the training of school personnel to administer stock albuterol?*

A: The stock inhaler training is provided by the Western Region Public Health Training Center at the University of Arizona, College of Public Health.

## LIABILITY

*Q: What if a child without a physician diagnosis of asthma uses the inhaler, is the school / nurse held liable?*

A: If a child presents with respiratory distress, the school’s designated personnel who have completed the required training should administer the stock albuterol. SB 2208 indemnifies the school / school staff from any liability associated with good faith use of the stock inhaler.

