

MANAGING ASTHMA DURING COVID-19

CALL YOUR DOCTOR
IF YOU NEED
RELIEVER INHALER
MORE THAN 3X WEEK.



I HAVE MY REGULAR PRESCRIPTION.

- If your asthma is under control, you should not need a reliever medication. If you need it more than three times a week, **talk to your healthcare professional.**
- Continue to take your regular maintenance controller **medication as prescribed.**
- Don't use your reliever medication instead of controller medication.
- Oral steroids should be used to treat asthma exacerbations or as part of your asthma action plan even if you do have COVID-19. Don't use your reliever medication alone to try and treat serious exacerbations.
- Ensure you have a **one-month supply** of your asthma medication and keep track of your supply. Give yourself enough time to refill.
- **Don't stock up on** salbutamol inhalers if you do not need it.
- Expect to only receive a one-month supply when you go for a refill.
- Track your doses when you do use salbutamol.
- Use all of the salbutamol inhalers you have available before refilling. Use ones with earliest expiry first.

FOLLOW YOUR
ACTION PLAN AND
TAKE MEDICATIONS
AS PRESCRIBED.



HAVE ONE-MONTH
SUPPLY OF YOUR
ASTHMA
MEDICATIONS.



DON'T STOCK UP ON
SALBUTAMOL IF YOU
DON'T NEED IT.



I ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO EXPIRED PRESCRIPTIONS.

DON'T DISCARD
MEDICATIONS THAT
HAVE EXPIRED IN THE
PAST SIX MONTHS
UNTIL YOU OBTAIN
NEW ONES.



- Don't discard your medications (expired within the last 6 months) until you obtain a new one.
- If you use expired (in the last 6 months) reliever inhaler, it may be less potent. Be sure to contact your healthcare provider if you do not feel relief.
- Use a Diskus inhaler even if it has been removed from the wrapper more than 60 days ago.

ASK IF A SUBSTITUTE
IS AVAILABLE.



I CAN'T GET A REFILL FOR MY REGULAR PRESCRIPTIONS.

- Talk to your regular healthcare provider and ask if a substitute prescription is available.



The Lung Association - Alberta & NWT is here for you.
For more information about COVID-19 visit www.ab.lung.ca/covid19