

THE STOCK INHALER FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023



Message from the Stock Inhaler for Schools Program Director

We hope your school year is off to a great start! Thanks to generous funding from Mercy C.A.R.E.S., our team can support implementation of the Stock Inhaler for Schools Program during the 2023-2024 school year! We had a busy summer and early fall developing program materials, presenting at schools, and delivering program supplies to schools. We look forward to working with each of you.

This year, we have two staff dedicated to supporting your school(s) with program implementation. Community Outreach Professionals, Emily Waldron (ewaldron@arizona.edu) and Nathan Mottern (nathanmottern@arizona.edu) are here to assist you. If you have any difficulties reporting data, completing training, or general questions, our team is here to help. Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Warmly,
Ashley Lowe, PhD, MSPH
Program Director, Stock Inhaler for Schools Program



Dr. Ashley Lowe presenting to school nurses at the Graham and Greenlee School Nurse Conference.

Gratitude for our Newest Partners!

We are thrilled to continue working closely with partners throughout Arizona. This summer and fall we continue to work with the **Maricopa County Department of Public Health** to expand our reach to schools in Cochise, Graham, and Yavapai Counties!

Thank you **Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, Graham & Greenlee County Health Departments, and Yavapai County Education Service Agency** for your partnership. We have enjoyed visiting your communities, meeting your teams, and training school personnel.

Has your district received your program supplies?

To receive program supplies (inhalers and spacers), each school must complete the following steps:

1. Two staff at each school must complete the web-based curriculum "Stock Albuterol Inhaler Training for School Personnel".
2. Upload the web-based curriculum certificates to the School Surveillance Medication Program (SSMP).
3. Request a signed standing medical order through the SSMP.

Supplies will be provided to the district lead once all schools have completed the steps above.

Report, Report, Report!

The Stock Inhaler for Schools Program is free during the 2023-2024 school year due to funding from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and a generous donation from Mercy C.A.R.E.S. It is vital to ensure future funding so the program can continue at no cost.

How can you help?

1. Bookmark the [School Surveillance Medication Program \(SSMP\)](#) website on your computer.
2. **Report stock inhaler events in the Stock Inhaler Portal within 24 hours** of the event so we can track program outcomes and provide appropriate follow-up.

The Stock Inhaler for Schools Program By the Numbers

Fall 2023

9

TOTAL # OF ARIZONA COUNTIES
PARTICIPATING IN THE
PROGRAM

500+

TOTAL # OF STAFF TRAINED

13

OF NEW SCHOOLS
REGISTERED IN THE SSMP

Stock Albuterol Inhaler Training for School Personnel

To participate in the Stock Inhaler for Schools Program, a **minimum of two on-site staff** at each school must complete the web-based Stock Albuterol Inhaler Training for School Personnel through the Western Regional Public Health Training Center.

The training is self-paced and takes no more than 30-45 minutes to complete. Make sure to save your certificate so you or your nurse lead can upload the certificate to the SSMP. Remember, the training must be completed annually.

To access the training, instructions are found in the *2023-2024 Stock Inhaler For Schools Program Toolkit*.



Follow the directions in the program toolkit to access the web-based training curriculum.

Thank you Maricopa County Department of Public Health

Our partners at Maricopa County Department of Public Health continue to provide top-notch support to our schools throughout Arizona!

Thank you to Maricopa County Department of Public Health for supporting schools in Maricopa and across the state. We are so grateful for your partnership!

THANK YOU!

How have you used the Stock Inhaler Program at your school?

"I was called to the football field because a student was having an asthma attack. The student left her personal inhaler in her backpack which was not with her. I administered the stock inhaler and within ten minutes her symptoms improved. Her parent was so grateful that I could provide the student with this life-saving medication."

- Arizona School Nurse

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