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4 Asthma Triggers to be Aware of During Fourth of July Celebrations



Summer events, like the 4th of July, are a great time to get together with family and friends to celebrate. If you have asthma, be aware of possible triggers around you and take steps to prevent flare-ups.

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Dr. Deborah Gentile, a member of the Pediatric Alliance and former director of clinical research in the Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at Allegheny Health Network, led the research aimed at assessing

the severity of Pittsburgh's childhood asthma epidemic.

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Gentile's study adjusted for factors like economics, race and smoking, and still found consistently higher rates of asthma among kids living close to the region's big industrial polluters. Those places included Clairton, which is home to Clairton Coke Works, the nation's largest manufacturer of coke (a key material in steel manufacturing); Colfax, which is downwind of the Cheswick power station; and Braddock, home to the Edgar Thomson Steel Works mill.

Those three industrial sites are among the region's largest emitters of both particulate matter pollution and airborne toxics-such as hydrogen sulfide, phenol, ammonia, and benzene. Much like particulate matter, these toxics can damage the respiratory system and impair children's lung function.

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What Exactly Causes Asthma in the First Place?



If you have asthma it's kind of like your respiratory system won an undesirable lottery. Asthma symptoms typically include shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing (a whistling sound when you breathe), and chest tightness, so, it's not exactly a party.

Having this health condition can spark a serious case of "why me?!" and make you wonder what causes

asthma in the first place. The answer isn't entirely clear-cut, but doctors have some ideas.

Continuing Education Opportunity: Asthma Educator Institute



Join Your Local American Lung Association Asthma Educator Institute

October 18-19, 2018
Berks County Community Foundation
237 Court St., Reading, PA 19601
\$350 registration fee

For more information, contact Shelly Cree at shelly.cree@lung.org

"My objectives were thoroughly met. My knowledge of asthma management was increased. It uncovered my weaknesses and misconceptions and prepared me for the national exam."

The curriculum aligns with the National Asthma Educator Certification (NAECB) Candidate Handbook and includes case reviews, hands-on skills demonstrations and practice.

The Asthma Educator Institute™ (AEI) is a two-day preparatory course for individuals who want to implement asthma guidelines-based care and those qualified to take the National Asthma Educator Certification Board (NAECB) examination. The AEI was developed with experts in the field with asthma and it reflects the National Institute of Health, Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma.

AEI is a professional education course that targets frontline healthcare professionals, such as nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, other licensed or credentialed healthcare professionals, and educators with 1000+ direct hours of asthma education who are eligible to take the national asthma certification exam. In addition, the course is a great refresher for AE-C's preparing for recertification.

Applications will be submitted for contact hours for Respiratory Therapists, Registered Nurses, and Certified Health Education Specialists.



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Regional Opportunities!



WESTERN REGION

- Open Airways For Schools (OAS) Facilitator Training: [Pittsburgh, PA July 26, 2018; 9-11:30AM](#)
- LUNG FORCE Walk/Run: [Pittsburgh, PA-October 27, 2018](#)

CENTRAL REGION

- LUNG FORCE Walk/Run: [Harrisburg, PA- November 3, 2018](#)

EASTERN REGION

- CAPP Asthma Disparities Summit: Philadelphia, PA- October 17, 2018

If you have an event you would like to share or promote to PA Asthma Partnership members, please email Shelly at Shelly.Cree@lung.org!

We thank you for your continued participation in the Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership and dedication to supporting Pennsylvanians with asthma across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

**John Keith
Program Manager
PA Asthma Partnership**