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PA Asthma Partnership 2017 Fall Statewide Meeting



PA Asthma Partnership

Join the growing movement and help support all Pennsylvanians affected by asthma. Become an online member today at www.paasthma.org.

Who We Are: We are a diverse, multi-disciplinary partnership of agencies, organizations and individuals in the commonwealth concerned with asthma who are committed to the sharing of mutual expertise and resources in addressing and reducing the burden of asthma in Pennsylvania.

We are a statewide organization that provides guidance and recommendations around the implementation and ongoing development of the statewide asthma plan.

The Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership (PAP) is managed by the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania and is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Available Resources

Online membership: Become an online member and get connected to PAP initiatives in your region. Become involved with local asthma initiatives in the Eastern, Central or Western Region. Become newsletters, Pa. Department of Health and American Lung Association announcements.

Asthma 101: This is an online course dedicated to asthma education and awareness in Pa. schools. It is available for two Act 48/58 credits in collaboration with the Pa. Department of Education.

Community Education: A variety of community education materials is available on the website, including the asthma toolkit, fact sheets, medication assistance programs and "Coach's Clipboard".

Open Airways for Schools (OAS): OAS is an American Lung Association evidence-based program that educates and empowers children through a fun and interactive approach to asthma self-management.

Asthma Management Plan: Available on the American Lung Association website (www.lung.org) is a template that can be completed by patients with assistance from their healthcare provider. The plan is a written, individualized worksheet that details what steps to take to prevent asthma from getting worse.

Questions? Contact John Keith, John.Keith@lung.org or Shelly Cree, Shelly.Cree@lung.org.



"Who We Are"

Do you know someone passionate about improving the health status and quality of life of Pennsylvania residents affected by asthma? Invite them to join the PA Asthma Partnership today!

Click [HERE](#) for the "Who We Are" Flyer!

Course Sites

Have you logged on to your regional Course Sites?

Click [HERE](#) to log on and check out the PowerPoint slides and other important documents from the Statewide Meeting!

Quick Links

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PA Asthma Partnership



Clean Indoor Air for PA



Healthy Air PA



ALA in PA



PA Department of Health



PA Asthma Resource Link



The asthma resource link on the Live Healthy PA website is now live! Please visit the site and share among your networks! It remains a work in progress to capture asthma resources for all 67 counties but the PAP statewide coalition has made significant strides towards collection of resources. Moving forward, PAP members will continue to add resources and make edits to existing resources where necessary.

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You Don't Have to Wheeze at Work

How Lung Friendly is Your Workplace?

Many potential causes of lung disease are found in the workplace, but they are easy to control with the proper measures. Thus creating safer and healthier working conditions for all employees.

Lung Disease is Common and Expensive.

- Asthma:** 22 million Americans live with asthma. 10 million have severe asthma.
- COPD and Lung Cancer:** 12 million adults have COPD. 200,000 adults are diagnosed with lung cancer each year. 150,000 die from lung cancer each year.
- Flu and Pneumonia:** 100 million people get the flu each year. 37 million people get pneumonia each year.

Does Your Workplace Have These?

- Mold | Airborne Dusts | Gases, Fumes, and Vapors | Secondhand Smoke | Cleaning Chemicals
- Scented Personal Care Products | Pesticides | Noise | Carbon Monoxide, Radon, and Lead
- Unhealthy Outdoor Air | Diesel | Vehicle Exhaust

Steps to Create a Lung-Friendly Workplace

- Identify and control workplace irritants and allergens.
- Reduce the use of any necessary irritants and allergens.
- Establish a program that monitors air quality and workplace conditions.
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AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

Nearly 156 million Americans have the same thing in common: going to work. Since working adults spend more than half of their lives at work, the workplace becomes like a second home. Unlike at home, you may have less control at work over your exposure to certain irritants and allergens. Out of the 26 million Americans living with asthma, 1 in 12 are adults and some find that their asthma is made worse from exposures to irritants at work.

Work-related asthma is one of the most frequently reported work-related lung diseases. If you have asthma, exposures in your workplace can expose you to irritants and allergens whether you work indoors or

outdoors. Furthermore, workplace irritants often differ from those you encounter at home-and you likely have less control over them.

Lung Cancer and COPD Awareness Month



Saved by the Scan

Lung cancer is the #1 leading cause of cancer-related death in America, but now there's hope. This screening is used to detect lung cancer early, when it is more likely to be curable. If the disease is caught before it

spreads, the likelihood of surviving 5 years improves from 11 percent to 55 percent.

COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a chronic lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. The disease is increasingly common, affecting millions of Americans, and is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. The good news is COPD is often preventable and treatable.

For COPD Resources, click [HERE](#).

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

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PA Asthma Partnership