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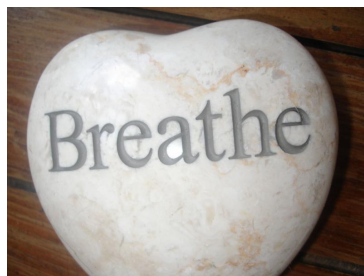
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Living with COPD in Rural Communities: Connecting to Information and Support



If you or a loved one are living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in a rural community, you are not alone-although it can sometimes feel that way. More than 11 million people in the U.S. are living with COPD, and while people living in rural areas are twice as likely as those living in large metropolitan areas to have COPD, they may also have less access to the treatment and resources they need to manage symptoms.

November is COPD Awareness Month and this year, the American Lung Association is honoring Rural Health Day by sharing COPD information and encouraging COPD patients, their families and healthcare providers living and working in rural communities to access and share COPD information and support.

Asthma Care Coverage Initiative:

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As part of our [Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project](#), which tracks coverage and related barriers to asthma guidelines-based care in state Medicaid programs, we are looking for feedback from stakeholders. The information shared will inform planning of future activities related to guidelines-based asthma care coverage in Medicaid.

Take the survey [HERE!](#)

Miss Pennsylvania Encourages Flu Protection for Communities throughout Pennsylvania



As a nursing student at the University of Alabama last year, I was in shock when I found out the number of students who were reluctant to get the flu vaccine. There seemed to be so many misconceptions about it. To help combat those flu myths, I decided to hold a flu shot clinic on campus-allowing students to get their flu shot for free. It was a great success with 300 people coming by the clinic, and the opportunity to have some much-needed conversations with my fellow students was tremendous. This year, I have been able to team up with the American Lung Association to help raise even more awareness of the importance of the influenza vaccine and help dispel some of those myths.

Check out the PA Asthma Partnership Resource Hub!



The PA Asthma Partnership has created a "Resource Hub" for all asthma programs and resources. We welcome resources from all organizations!

Email Shelly at shelly.cree@lung.org to add resources from your organization to share with the Partnership!

Regional Opportunities!



- Protecting Our Communities: Environmental Challenges from Fossil Fuel Extraction in SWPA: Pittsburgh, PA- December 6, 2018. Email Rabbi Ron Symons for more information: rsymons@jccpgh.org
- Fight for Air Climb: [Pittsburgh, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Pittsburgh, PA- May 15, 2019](#)

EASTERN REGION

- Fight for Air Climb: [Philadelphia, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Cherry Hill, NJ- April 23, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Walk: [Philadelphia, PA- May 18, 2019](#)

STATEWIDE

- PAP Fall 2018 Statewide Meeting: Harrisburg, PA- December 6, 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,

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