

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF **Pemberton Township**

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To the parent/guardian(s) of: Date:

Our current health records show that your student has asthma.

Children with asthma may be at high risk for complications from the new coronavirus, so keeping their asthma well-controlled is more important than ever.

We recommend students have a quick-relief ("rescue") asthma inhaler (albuterol) available for your child to use that is only for school use throughout the year, along with a written Asthma Treatment Plan that explains which medicines your child takes and how to manage symptoms. I have attached a link to our school's approved Asthma Treatment Plan that you can have your child's doctor fill out.

http://pacnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Asthma-Treatment-Plan-STUDENT-MAY-2017.pdf

If you do not have an extra quick-relief inhaler on hand, please ask your doctor for a prescription for an extra inhaler to be used/stored at school. Or if your child is able to carry and use their medicine correctly on their own, have them bring their inhaler to and from school. Due to the new coronavirus, nebulizers will not be used in our school since they can spread the virus into the air.

Also, due to the new coronavirus, it would be best if your child also had their own spacer or valved holding chamber. Talk with your child's doctor and insurance company to make sure they will cover two devices: one for home and one for school.

Here is a list of what to ask your child's doctor to provide for this school year:

- An updated written Asthma Treatment Plan
- A quick-relief inhaler dedicated for school use only
- A spacer or valved holding chamber dedicated for school use

Contact your school nurse if you are having difficulty getting any of these items on the list.

Doctors' offices get very busy at the start of the school year, so the sooner you ask for these items, the easier it will be to get them. Having these items will help us manage your child's asthma while they are in school.

Sincerely, School Nurse