

Zones for Management of Asthma

Green Zone: All Clear

Your Goal Peak Flow:

- Peak flows are 80- to 100-percent of your best number
- No Symptoms
- Able to do usual activities
- Usual medications control asthma



Green Zone Means:

- Your symptoms are under control
- Continue taking your controller medications as ordered

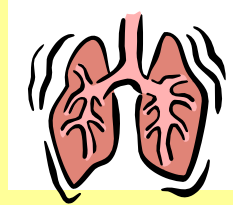
- Continue monitoring peak flow

- Keep all physician appointments

Yellow Zone: Caution

If you have any of the following signs and symptoms:

- Peak flow 50- to 80-percent of personal best
- Increased asthma symptoms (coughing, waking at night, wheezing, shortness of breath, tightness in chest, breathing faster, pale skin color)



Yellow Zone Means:

- Your symptoms may indicate that you need an adjustment of your medications
- Eliminate triggers
- Stop strenuous exercise
- Add reliever medication:

- If no relief, continue with:



Call your physician if you are in the YELLOW zone most days. This is not where you should be every day.

Red Zone: Medical Alert

- Peak flow less than 50% of personal best
- Very short of breath
- Extreme difficulty breathing
- Usual activities severely limited
- Difficulty walking and talking due to shortness of breath
- Respiratory effort increased, skin between neck and ribs pulls in with breathing
- Skin color is pale or gray
- Fingernails or lips are blue



Call your physician immediately if you are going into the RED zone

Red Zone Means:

This indicates that you need to be evaluated by a physician right away

- Take reliever medication



Call your physician right away

Physician: _____

Number: _____

If you have not reached your physician in _____ minutes, go to the nearest emergency room. Call 911 if necessary.