

# A new state law in 2017, House Bill 2208, and subsequent Arizona School Board of Education ruling now make it possible for public and charter schools to administer emergency Albuterol inhalers.

The inhaler regulation, pursuant to ARS § 15-158, includes the following provisions:

- School district and charter schools that elect to administer inhalers shall develop inhaler policies and procedures in compliance with the regulations.
- At least two designated employees per school must have annual training to recognize the symptoms of respiratory distress and how to render emergency treatment, the proper storage of medications, and emergency follow-up procedures.
- Participating schools are required to have a standing order for the use of the medication and a prescription issued by the chief medical officer of a county health department, a physician or nurse practitioner. Annual renewal is required.
- Schools are allowed to accept monetary donations or grants for the purchase of inhalers, spacer and holding chambers.
- Persons who issue the standing order or employees of schools are immune from civil liability.

**Update: Free stock albuterol inhaler and LiteAire® spacers for schools who enroll and complete the MCDPH School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP).**



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## Asthma Relief for Schools

**Q: How can my school participate in the Maricopa County Stock Albuterol Program?**

**A: Your school will need to enroll in the MCDPH School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP) web application. After completing and submitting each of the requirements your school can obtain and receive annual standing orders and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.**

**Enroll your school @ <https://ssmp.maricopa.gov/>**

**Q: What is the School Surveillance & Medication Program (SSMP)?**

**A: It is a MCDPH web application that will guide you through the necessary requirements to obtain standing orders for stock albuterol inhaler.**

**Q: My school is interested in enrolling but cost is an issue. Is there funding available for schools?**

**A: This school year 2019-2020, MCDPH will provide each school with a free stock albuterol inhaler and LiteAire® spacers. For future sustainability, we encourage you to apply for grants, contact the pharmaceutical companies, providers and coalitions, local pharmacies, your school's PTA, who may have programs or resources available.**

**Q: Who provides the training of designated school personnel to administer stock albuterol?**

**A: The training is provided online by the Western Region Public Health Training Center at the University of Arizona, College of Public Health who will provide a certificate upon completion. <https://wrphtc.arizona.edu/training/stock-albuterol-inhaler-training-school-personnel>**

**Q: Where will I get a standing order for the stock albuterol?**

**A: After enrolling in the SSMP and following all requirements, schools can obtain a standing order and a prescription from the MCDPH Medical Director.**

**Q: Who can use the stock albuterol inhaler?**

**A: Any individual who presents with respiratory distress may be administered the stock albuterol inhaler by a trained school staff member.**

**Q: What if a child without a physician diagnosis of asthma uses the stock inhaler, is the school/nurse held liable?**

**A: If an individual presents with respiratory distress, the school's designated personnel who have completed the required training should administer the stock albuterol. SB 2208 indemnifies the school/staff from any liability associated with good faith use of the stock albuterol.**