

LIVING WELL WITH COPD

GREEN ZONE

I'm doing well

My COPD is well CONTROLLED

- Usual activity - without shortness of breath.
- Usual amount of phlegm/mucus.
- No increase in cough, wheezing, or shortness of breath.
- Sleeping well.
- Good appetite.

ACTIONS:

- Continue daily medications as directed.
- If needed continue O₂ as prescribed: _____ liters.
- Continue regular activities and exercise.
- Maintain adequate nutrition and hydration.
- Get a good nights sleep.
- Wash your hands often.
- If you still smoke, plan to quit.

YELLOW ZONE

It's a bad day

My COPD symptoms indicate that I need to talk with my provider.

- Having trouble breathing - more short of breath.
- I have less energy for my daily activities.
- I'm using my rescue inhaler/nebulizer more often.
- Increase in cough and/or phlegm.
- My phlegm is thicker and has changed color.
- My appetite is not good.
- Daily maintenance medications are not helping.
- Fever.

ACTIONS:

- Continue daily medication **PLUS** rescue inhaler.
- Call Physician: _____
_____ for possible steroids or antibiotics.
- Practice pursed lip breathing. Try and stay relaxed.
- Continue O₂ as prescribed by your provider.
- Avoid any extra activity that may make you feel worse.
- Get plenty of rest and keep hydrated.

RED ZONE

EMERGENCY

My COPD symptoms indicate that I need to be evaluated immediately!

- Severe shortness of breath at rest.
- Unable to do my daily activities because of severe shortness of breath.
- Unable to sleep because of breathing.
- More drowsy, confused.
- Chest pain. Fever and chills.

ACTIONS:



Take your rescue inhaler or nebulizer

Call 911

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My name is: _____

My doctor is: _____

My doctor's phone number is: _____

My emergency contact is: _____

My emergency contact's phone number is: _____

**These are my Respiratory Medications:
(I always carry my RESCUE INHALER with me.)**

RESCUE Medication: _____

of Puffs _____ or Nebulizer How often: _____

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If I am having symptoms displayed in the YELLOW ZONE, I will continue my daily medications, take my rescue inhaler, and call my DOCTOR.

I wear OXYGEN at home: _____ YES _____ NO

How many liters: _____

I am a CO2 retainer: _____ YES _____ NO

Keep my oxygen saturation between: _____

My home BIPAP settings:

IPAP/EPAP: _____ / _____

Ask your doctor about a FLU and/or Pneumonia vaccine!

Date/Time: _____ Completed by: _____