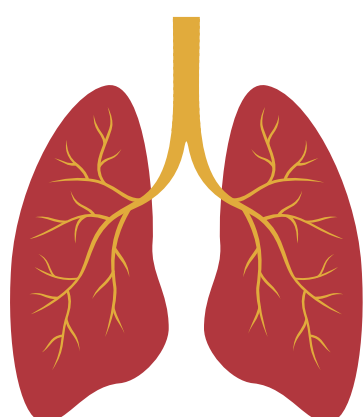


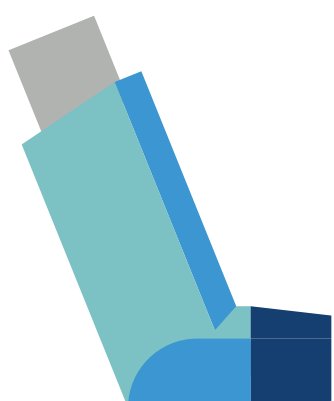
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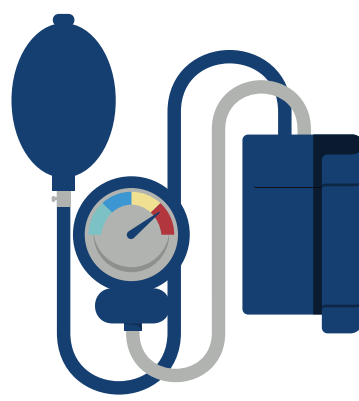
ASTHMA

Asthma is the most common chronic disease among children. Inflammation and narrowing of the small airways in the lungs cause asthma symptoms, which can be any combination of cough, wheeze, shortness of breath or chest tightness.



STOCK INHALER POLICY

A stock albuterol policy was written, physician orders received for all 50 schools and each school was given 2-4 stock albuterol inhalers and a spacer for emergency use.



SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

A relationship was formed with Nationwide Children's Hospital School Based Health and a pilot program was formed with a wellness coordinator to transport students from the schools to the clinic for asthma care.



EDUCATION FOR STAFF

School nurses were given several presentations on up to date asthma care and all 2,000 school staff members were given [online training](#) on asthma care and emergencies.



ASTHMA COLLABORATIVE

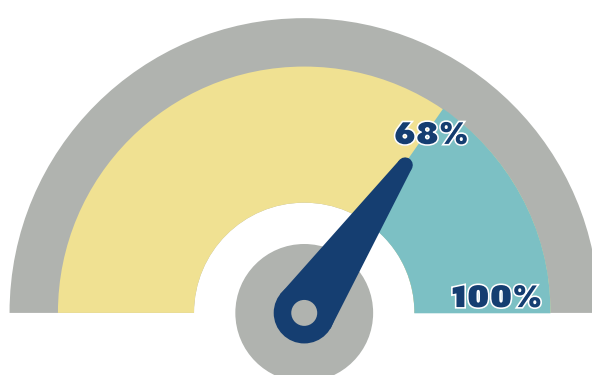
An asthma collaborative team was created to meet bi-monthly to discuss current barriers and ideas to implement to better care for asthma students in our schools.



EMERGENCY CARE PLANS

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, of the 17,000 students enrolled at the Diocese of Columbus there were 825 students diagnosed with asthma. Sixty-eight percent had an emergency care plan on file. With the institution of this grant, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, a new survey was taken and 100% of students diagnosed with asthma have an emergency care plan.

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