

EPA Region 8 Joint Asthma Awareness and Green and Healthy Schools Workshops and Informational Fair



Asthma Awareness Workshop:

May is Asthma Awareness Month and we are joining thousands of organizations to increase public awareness of the asthma epidemic and to provide information that can be used to take action to help get asthma under control in communities across the nation. Asthma affects almost 25 million people of all ages and races and, though asthma is widespread, public awareness of common asthma triggers and effective asthma management strategies remains limited. The purpose of this workshop is to assist school nurses and other health care professionals in the recognition, prevention and treatment of asthma.



Green and Healthy Schools Workshop:

The Green and Healthy Schools workshop and Fair, which was originally scheduled for April 11, 2011, has been re-scheduled to coincide with the Asthma Awareness Workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to help promote green and healthy school environments for all school children and staff. The workshop will include presentations by experts on emerging school environmental health topics. Our target audience is school district personnel, facility managers, school administrators, school nurses, State and local personnel, nonprofit organizations, PTAs/PTOs, parents, teachers, school children, and others interested in creating green and healthy school environments for children.



Asthma and Healthy Schools Fair:

In addition to presentations by experts on emerging school environmental health topics, we will have a room with informational booths with lots of outreach materials, interactive learning activities, a room for video viewing, and a special appearance by our EPA frog.

When: May 9, 2011

**Where: EPA Region 8 Conference Center
1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver**

Program will also be available via webinar (see last page for details)

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

These will be informal workshops, attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat during the presentations (we won't be scheduling a lunch break). Participation at this event is free but workshop seating is limited. Please reserve a seat by providing us the information requested on the last page of this flyer and e-mailing it to: Alicia Aalto (aalto.alicia@epa.gov) and/or Ron Schiller (schiller.ron@epa.gov). This will also allow us to better plan for this event and reduce the time for you to gain access into our secure building. Please note that, in order to enter the EPA building, you will need to bring a government-issued ID, such as a driver's license.

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Joint Asthma Awareness and Green/Healthy School Environments Workshops

AGENDA

Plenary Session

Bison/Bitterroot Combined Rooms

9:00 am to 9:15 am	Welcome, Introductions and Logistics, Alicia Aalto , EPA Region 8 Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, Ron Schiller , EPA Region 8 Indoor Air Coordinator
9:15 am to 9:30 am	Opening Remarks, James B. Martin , EPA Region 8 Administrator
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Mark Anderson, MD , pediatrician with the Rocky Mountain Region Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (RMR PEHSU), will discuss why children are at increased risk and what you can do to protect them from environmental contaminants. Dr. Anderson will also describe the services available through the RMR PEHSU.
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Andrew H Liu, MD , pediatrician with National Jewish Health will cover Asthma Basics, including the abnormalities and manifestations of asthma, and proven asthma assessment and management approaches that lead to good control and best outcomes.
11:00 am to 12:00 noon	Nathan Rabinovitch, MD , pediatrician with National Jewish Health will present a session on environmental asthma triggers.

Concurrent Sessions

Time	Asthma Awareness Workshop Bison/Bitterroot Combined Rooms	Green/Healthy Schools Workshop Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush Combined Rooms
12:00 noon to 12:30 pm	Stanley J. Szeffler, MD pediatrician with National Jewish Health will summarize the work of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and EPA Childhood and Environment al Health Center Grant with his presentation on "Environmental Determinants of Airway Disease in Childhood". The Center Grant is organized at National Jewish Health, with the objective of understanding the etiology and pathogenesis of airway diseases in children.	Jon L. Gallegos, MPA , Co-Director, Coordinated School Health Program, Colorado Department of Health and Environment will describe the Colorado Connections for Healthy Schools Program, an approach used in Colorado's K-12 schools to infuse health components into the education system for developing good health practices supporting academic achievement.
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm	Lisa Cicutto, RN, APN, PhD , Director of Community Research at National Jewish Health will discuss the Health Care Providers' Role in Supporting Successful Asthma Management in Schools	VelRey A. Lozano , EPA Region 8 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Coordinator, will discuss IPM, a safer, and usually less costly option for effective pest management in a school community.
1:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Melanie Gleason, MS, PA-C , Associate Director Pediatric Clinical Research Unit, National Jewish Health will talk about the Denver Public School Asthma Program, the Asthma Action Plan and correct inhaler techniques	Dan Bench , EPA Region 8 Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Coordinator will discuss PCBs in School Building Caulk and Light Ballasts and steps schools can take to minimize exposure to this chemical
1:30 pm to 1:45 pm	Ron Schiller , Indoor Air Coordinator for EPA Region 8, will cover EPA's Asthma Community Network and other EPA resources available to nurses and health care workers.	Outdated and unknown chemicals found throughout schools can cause fires, explosions, spills and exposure. Matt Langenfeld , EPA Region 8 Chemical Initiative Coordinator will discuss the School Chemical Cleanout program which aims to help schools responsibly manage chemicals
1:45 pm to 2:00 pm		Alicia Aalto , EPA Region 8 Children's Environmental Health Coordinator will be speaking about EPA resources and tools available to protect children from environmental health hazards and EPA's, New Draft Voluntary Guidelines for Selecting Safe School Locations

Informational Booths by:

Colorado Connections for Healthy Schools (CCHS)

US Environmental Protection Agency

- Children's Environmental Health Program
- Environmental Justice Program
- Environmental Education Program
- Pesticides Program
- Air Program
 - Asthma
 - Mold
 - Indoor Air Quality (Tools for Schools)
 - Carbon Monoxide

- Air Program (continued)
 - Air Toxics
 - Radon
 - Clean Bus USA
- Pollution Prevention and Toxics Program
 - Asbestos
 - ENERGY STAR
 - Lead
 - PCBs
 - School Chemical Cleanout
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - Toxics Release Inventory

School Environmental Health Video Viewing:

Where: Timberline (2nd Floor)

15 min videos running every hour

- **Taking Action:** shows how one school successfully implemented the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Action Kit.
<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/actionkit.html>
- **Ventilation Basics:** explains the importance of good indoor quality and shows how to operate and maintain school ventilation systems.
- **School Walkthrough:** *Four Schools Making a Difference* illustrates the school walkthrough, one key component of the *IAQ Tools for Schools* process that many schools use to kick off their IAQ programs. It illustrates some of the most common IAQ problems found in schools and is ideal for schools that are beginning to implement *IAQ Tools for Schools*.
- **Safe Chemical Management in Your School:** this video provides information to help schools and community partners develop a responsible chemical management program. The video features two case studies of schools that are addressing chemical management in their facilities.
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/video/SC3/index.htm>

Where: EISC (1st Floor)

Video-stream running continuously

- **The Power of Recycling**
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/wycd/video.htm>
- **America Recycles Day**
<http://www.epa.gov/multimedia/mm-category.htm>
- **Don't Kill Bears**
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/wycd/video.htm>
- **Recycle Your Cell Phone**
<http://www.epa.gov/multimedia/mm-category.htm>
- **Save Tha Planet**
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/wycd/video.htm>
- **School Chemical Cleanout (C3)**
<http://www.epa.gov/multimedia/mm-category.htm>
- **Where Have All the Cans Gone?**
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/wycd/video.htm>
- **EPA's President's Environmental Youth Awards Program**
<http://www.epa.gov/multimedia/mm-category.htm>
- **Magic School Bus Gets Cleaned Up**
<http://www.epa.gov/multimedia/mm-category.htm>

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

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Name: _____
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Will attend ____ in person OR ____ virtually
Plenary Session _____
Concurrent Sessions
Asthma Awareness OR _____
Green/Healthy Schools _____

WEB-CONFERENCE OPTION

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP IN PERSON, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE AND INDICATE YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION SO THAT WE CAN SECURE THE APPROPRIATE WEB-CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION:

Web-conference Information: In order to join the workshop via web-conference and view the slides, please use the following link: (<http://hawkeye.epa.gov/imtapp/app/prelogin.uix?siteID=0>) at 9:00 am MDT (it should be available at 8:45 am). You should enter the following information:

1. Conference ID for: Plenary Session – **320798**
Asthma Awareness Concurrent Session – **320801**
Green/Healthy Schools Concurrent Session – **321199**
2. Your Name

Then click on the Join Conference button. **New users should run the New User Test at least once to make sure that the machine they use to join a conference is compatible with Oracle Web Conferencing. Click Troubleshoot to run advanced diagnostics or solve additional compatibility issues.**

To be able to hear the presentation, you will need to dial into the teleconference line. Dial **teleconference number 1-866-299-3188 ; conference code: 303-312-6043# (for Plenary Session); conference code 303-312-6043# (for Asthma Awareness Session); conference code 303-312-6967# (for Green/Health Schools Session).** Please **DO NOT place your phone on hold** during the teleconference as this disrupts the call with a terrible beeping sound.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE:

Each registered attendee will receive a Certificate of Attendance for five (5) contact hours upon submittal of a completed evaluation form at the completion of the workshop.