

## When to call the doctor - Lung Disease

This handout describes signs and symptoms to watch for. Call your doctor if you have any of these symptoms.

### Fever

- Any fever over 102 degrees F
- Fever of 101 degrees F for more than 1 hour
- Fever lower than 101 degrees F for one day or more
- Shakes, shivers, tremors that do not go away

### Runny stools or diarrhea

- Runny stools or diarrhea that do not go away
- Blood in stools

### Headache

- Headache that does not go away
- Worst headache you have had

### Cold or flu that does not go away

- Stuffy nose that does not go away
- Runny nose that does not go away
- Sore throat
- Cough

### Chest pain

- Sharp pain in chest
- Pain or pressure in chest that does not go away

### Very short of breath (more so than usual)

- When you
  - Walk a short distance
  - Walk up stairs
  - Eat
  - Talk
  - Sit
  - Do easy tasks
  - Use the toilet
- Inhaler no longer working well (wears off in 4 hours)

### **Cough more than usual**

- Cough up more sputum than usual
- Sputum is a dark color

### **Confusion**

- Cannot think clearly
- Cannot talk clearly
- Cannot remember things clearly

### **Provider information**

- Name of care provider: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone number to call: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency care phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency care location: \_\_\_\_\_

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