

BREATHMOBILE – FREE ASTHMA CLINIC FOR KIDS
Barlow Respiratory Hospital Partners with
LAC+USC Breathmobile and LAUSD to Serve Children with Asthma

LOS ANGELES (September 21, 2022) – The Breathmobile mobile pediatric asthma clinic will return to Barlow Respiratory Hospital to provide no-cost clinic services for children with asthma and allergies.

Friday October 30, 2022 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
And
Thursday October 20, 2022 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

To schedule an appointment, contact the Breathmobile (323) 640-9670

The Breathmobile mobile clinics allow families to access free clinic services in their own community to decrease school absences and parental work absences. The LAC+USC Breathmobile program is a comprehensive, mobile-based pediatric asthma disease management program that delivers asthma-specialty care to inner-city children at no cost to their families. If patients cannot afford medications, sample medications are provided when available.

“We strive to keep kids out the emergency room and in school,” says Dr. Marilyn Li, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine. “This partnership with the Breathmobile and Barlow Respiratory Hospital, , which began in 2017, allows us to serve schools at a centralized location and improve local community health.”

ABOUT: Barlow Respiratory Hospital is the only not-for-profit respiratory hospital in Los Angeles and is recognized for excellence in treating medically complex patients dependent on a ventilator to breathe. Barlow is a long-term acute care hospital (LTCH) and a national leader in Ventilator Weaning. Barlow has been awarded the **Gold Seal of Approval® for Disease Specific Certification for Respiratory Failure** and **Gold Seal of Approval® for Disease Specific Certification for Wound Care** by the Joint Commission, establishing the hospital as a leader in specialized care. Barlow has also earned Passy Mui designation as a Center of Excellence, the only one in the Western United States. The designation was awarded as a result of demonstration of a high standard of care for patients with tracheostomies, on and off the ventilator. Barlow is an affiliated teaching facility for USC's Keck School of Medicine and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Barlow Respiratory Hospital has recently completed a seismic retrofit that extends the life of the historic hospital building in Los Angeles. The Campaign to ReBuild Barlow will expand services by creating a brand new state-of-the-art hospital on the Los Angeles campus. The hospital has remained fully operational throughout construction.

<https://www.barlowhospital.org/about-barlow/events/breathmobile-free-childrens-asthma-clinic/>

STUDENTS CAN BE REFERRED BY A SCHOOL NURSE OR CAN SCHEDULE BREATHMOBILE APPOINTMENTS BY CALLING: (323) 640-9670

ABOUT: The Breathmobile was created in 1995 to improve preventative asthma care for underserved children in LA County by providing local site team-based asthma care to decrease health disparities. The program is based at LAC+USC Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Allergy and Immunology and is run by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. This marks the first time the hospital has been able to serve children at high risk for asthma and grew out of the hospital's community needs assessment identification of underserved children with a high risk of asthma as a priority and is provided free of charge as a community benefit.

