

The 2019 Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. The areas covered include the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

The National Weather Service defines a hurricane as a "tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher."

- A hurricane watch indicates the possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours.
- A hurricane warning indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

For 2019, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) predicts a likely range of 9 to 15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 2 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

Please note that NOAA's outlook is for overall seasonal activity and is not a landfall forecast. You should always make the appropriate preparations for each season regardless of the official outlook.

- **Determine Your Risk**
- **Assemble Disaster Supplies**
- Secure Your Home

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- Develop An Evacuation Plan
- Get An Insurance Check-up
- Complete A Written Plan

#### **Employee Hurricane Evacuation Information Sheet**

As an employee it is important to know when and where to report back to work if a hurricane hits our area. SCH has provided some basic information to help keep you informed.

The following toll free number will be used as a communication tool. There will be a message on this number with vital information about returning to work and how to reach your manager, if the need arises. Toll Free 1-855-260-1605/ or if in Atlanta area call (404) 524-4070

#### **SCH Facebook Communication in Case of Emergency**

SouthCoast Health Disaster Team members will post messages via the SouthCoast Health Facebook page as a means to keep employees informed of vital information in case of a disaster or emergency evacuation.

To access the SouthCoast Health Facebook page:

- 1. From any computer with internet access type in the URL address: https://www.facebook.com/SouthCoastWellness and you will be able to see information the SCH team has posted regarding evacuation, closing/opening of locations, etc.
- 2. You do not need a Facebook logon to access this page. However, without an account you cannot post a message only read messages.

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## SouthCoast Health Welcomes Our May New Hires



Betty Frazier Ultrasound Tech, Imaging



LaCrystal Johnson Patient Representative, Eisenhower, Bldg. 1



Kelly Kowalski Patient Representative, Richmond Hill 89



Lovisa Lovewine Wellness Nurse, Chatham Ctr.



Tre'saun Perry Lab Assistant, Lab



Ayeshia Simmons Lab Assistant, Lab



Lesia Trice Licensed Practical Nurse, Eisenhower, Bldg. 1



Angel Williams
Patient Representative,
Cardiology



Tami Franklin Lab Assistant, Lab



**Dhvani Patel**Patient Representative,
Imaging



**Kiara Pipkin**Patient Representative,
PRN Pool



## Looking to move up without moving out???

... check out some of the job openings available right here at SCH!

- Manager of Projects/Standardization
- Manager of Information Systems
- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Patient Representative-Surgery
- PTE Patient Representative-Urgent Care/Pooler •
- Advance Care Plan Coordinator
- Ophthalmic Tech-Eye Care

- Radiology Tech
- Lab Assistant
- LPN-Peds
- Medical Assistant-Bldg. 1/Surgery
- PTE Medical Asst.-Urgent Care/Pooler
- PTE Nurse Practitioner-Urgent Care/Pooler/ Hinesville

\*\*\* Apologies goes out to Madison Tyran, LPN who was left off the list for Nurses Week last month.

Madison is the Wellness Nurse for the Main Campus and is in the process of obtaining her RN license.

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SouthCoast Health would like to thank all of the staff for their continuous hard work and dedication in making the Privia/Athena project a success! We ask for your continued support and patience in this journey.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Internal candidates, please be aware that you must inform your current supervisor if you are interested in another position and would like to apply for it. If you are full/part-time, you must wait 90 days before you can transfer.

# How to Help Someone Having an Asthma Attack

It is estimated that one in 13 people have asthma, which means more than 26 million Americans have it. Since this medical condition has been on the rise since the 1980s for people of all ages, it's very likely that you or someone you know has experienced an asthma attack.

These situations can be extremely frightening with common symptoms being severe wheezing, non-stop coughing, rapid breathing, chest tightness, pressure on the chest, tightened muscles, inability to talk, sweat, paleness, and even blue lips.

"Any asthma attack has the potential to become life-threatening," SouthCoast Health's Dr. Wasil Khan stated. "The more people who know what to look out for and what to do in those situations, the more lives that are saved."



Keep reading below to learn more about this medical occurrence and what you can do if you face it. If you find this blog while the asthma attack is occurring, stop reading now and call 911.

#### What is Asthma?

Before going into the details on how to help, it'll be beneficial to explain exactly why an attack might be happening.

Asthma causes the airways to spasm, creates tightness in the chest, inflames the lining in the airways, and also produces phlegm. All of these symptoms lead to overall difficulty in breathing.

Generally, what causes these attacks are triggers specific to each person. If you are aware of your asthma triggers you can do your best to avoid them, however, sometimes run-ins are inevitable. A few common triggers are allergens (like pollen, pets, dust), pollution, exercise, stress, respiratory infections, tobacco, and strong irritating smells.

## The Steps for Helping Someone Who is Having an Asthma Attack

These situations can be frightening, so take a deep breath, stay calm, and use these following steps to help you and the person suffering from an attack:

- · Encourage them to stay calm, which will also help you to remain calm. Panicking will only make the situation far worse.
- If it's cold outside, DO NOT take them out for a breath of fresh air. This will only make the symptoms worse. But if it is good weather and warm, then a change of environment might make them feel better.
- Make sure the person is sitting and with the correct posture. Being slumped over will only make it worse.
- · Loosen any tight clothes that might constrict their breathing.
- Walk them through taking several slow and steady breaths.
- If they have an inhaler, now would be the time to use it.
- If they don't have an inhaler or if the inhaler is failing to bring relief, feel free to call 911. These medical professionals are trained to properly handle emergency situations.
- If the attack is happening due to an allergic reaction, use an EpiPen in the proper way if the person has access to one.

If you have any more questions or concerns about asthma, the expert allergy and immunology department at SouthCoast Health is here to help.



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#### 2 Years

Stacy Allen Elizabeth Hesley Crystal Moore Angela Tillman Carole-Ann Hughes Stefany Lightcap Nitha Bendele Elise Dean Suzanne Cosby Asia Letman **Heather Siebert** 

#### 3 Years

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#### 4 Years

Dr. Ana Concepcion Jennifer Shore Quanya Walthour Cheryl Jackson Sandra Bryant Chris Kimble-Hall Jessica Capers

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#### 6 Years

Carolyn Blanton David Van Vleck

#### 7 Years

Nikki Williams Nancy Pugh

#### 8 Years

Allison Durden Katina Moody Saguana Rhodes Joseph Schultz

#### 9 Years

Heather Johnson

#### 11 Years

Michelle Diah **Dolores Omspacker** 

#### 12 Years

Christina Burgdorf

#### 13 Years

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#### 14 Years

Kawanza Jackson-Austin

#### 15 Years

Karen Payton Lynn Leibfried

#### 16 Years

Dr. Geoffrey Peters Nicole Dunn

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Pat Shareef

#### 19 Years

Felecia Griffin

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### Sunday June 23, 2019



Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation.