

Taking a Deep Breath Through the Albuterol Shortage

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BROADCAST SCRIPT

INTRO

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TAKE VO

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MELODY BAUMAN (**BO-MIN**) – A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WITH PULMONARY AND SLEEP MEDICINE FOR OSF HEALTHCARE – IS KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON THE SITUATION.

16 SECOND SOT

“The good thing so far, is that it seems it’s only impacting the nebulize solution of albuterol. It’s a liquid vial that patients would put in a nebulizer to give themselves a breathing treatment or a mist.”

VO TAG

BAUMAN SAYS THERE ARE INHALERS WITH THE SAME MEDICATION HER OFFICE CAN STILL PRESCRIBE PATIENTS. SHE SAYS IT’S IMPORTANT TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH DURING THIS SHORTAGE – AND TALK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

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29 SECOND SOT

“Make sure those medications are up to date. Usually for the nebulizer solution and the rescue inhalers, most of those will expire after a year. They’ve found with research that most of those medications aren’t harmful to use after their expiration date, but they probably won’t be as effective.”

VO TAG

BAUMAN RECOMMENDS IF YOU’RE EXPERIENCING SERIOUS ALLERGY ISSUES – LIMIT YOUR TIME OUTSIDE... DON’T LET YOUR PETS SLEEP IN YOUR BEDROOM... AND TRY TO LIMIT THE WINDOWS BEING OPEN.. ESPECIALLY IN THE BEDROOM AT NIGHT.

SHE ADDS THAT AIR PURIFIERS ARE A GREAT WAY TO MAKE SURE THE AIR IS SAFE TO BREATHE INSIDE YOUR HOME.