

# Fly a Flag for Clean Air Program

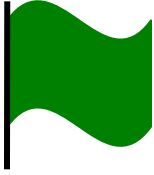
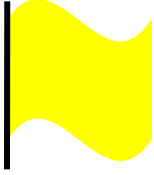


The ISDH Asthma Program is partnering with Anthem and the WellPoint Foundation to implement the “Fly A Flag for Clean Air Program” throughout schools in Indiana. Since Asthma is the number 1 cause of school absenteeism, it is fitting to implement this program in schools statewide. The Fly A Flag program is a simple and free program that will allow schools across Indiana to actively participate in notifying the school community and the public of the air quality around the school and surrounding neighborhoods. With awareness of daily air quality; students, staff, and parents can take active and appropriate health measures to help avoid asthma attacks.

The school will receive all printed materials and a set of custom air quality index flags at no cost, courtesy of the WellPoint Foundation. The State Asthma Program Environmental Scientist will train each school on how to execute and maintain this program on a daily basis. As part of this program, we are requesting that each school make their school grounds a Tobacco Free Campus, if they are not already. Each school that enrolls in the flag program will also be asked to sign a No-Idle pledge stating that they will not allow buses, cars, or trucks on school grounds to idle while parked- at all times. Each school will receive proper signage for the No Idle policy, which is sponsored by Improving Kids Environment Coalition and Knozone.

We are very excited about this program, as it is very educational and is an easy *free* program to maintain! For more information please feel free to contact us at the information listed below.

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## Air Quality Index (AQI) What do the colors mean?

 <i>Good</i>	Green means the air quality is good. No health impacts are expected when air quality is in this range.
 <i>Moderate</i>	Yellow means air quality is acceptable. Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.
 <i>USG</i> Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange means air quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups -- people with lung disease such as asthma, children and older adults should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
 <i>Unhealthy</i>	Red means air quality is unhealthy. Sensitive groups should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion. Everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.

\*this program is available on a first come-first served basis. Quantities are limited.