

# Play Along with Us!

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# Welcome



Have microphones available but on mute

3 Turn your volume up

4 Have these items ready:



Harmonica



Pen or Pencil (maybe a highlighter)



Slide Deck



Washcloth



Water

Lip Balm



Inhaler (if you have one prescribed for you)



### Welcome!

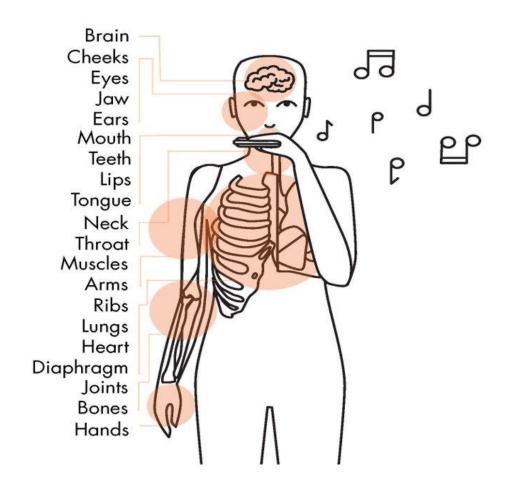
#### What is Harmonicas for Health?



- The first nationwide harmonica program created especially for individuals with COPD and other chronic lung conditions.
  - Used in group settings and by individuals at home
  - An engaging way to encourage breathing exercises
- Something everyone can enjoy!



### Benefits



### **Physical Benefits**

- Exercises your breathing muscles, mainly your diaphragm
- Exercises your abdominal muscles
- Helps you maintain good posture better for breathing

#### **Emotional Benefits**

- Relieves stress
- Improves feelings of independence
- Encourages patience and purpose
- Gives us a sense of accomplishment
- Playing harmonica is FUN!



### Helpful Tips When Getting Started



Lip balm can make playing harmonica easier



Keep a washcloth nearby to tap moisture from your instrument between exercises or songs





Avoid eating right before playing



Drink water during your harmonica practice



Remember to put your instrument away DRY



### Playing the Harmonica | Reading Harmonica Music

An up arrow  $\uparrow$  = Blow (exhale). A down arrow  $\downarrow$  = Draw (inhale).

An arrow going down is like air going down into your lungs (inhale=draw).

An arrow going up is like air coming out of your lungs (exhale=blow).

#### DRAW-BLOW-DRAW-BLOW



#### The number will tell you which hole to use

- 4 means blow/draw in hole 4
- 7 means blow/draw in hole 7

#### Put it all together!

4 means blow into hole 4

7 means draw into hole 7

\*Note: Tabs tell us the hole to use and the order to play, but not the rhythm of the song



### Let's Warm Up!

#### Playing the C Major Scale

С	D	Е	F	G	Α	В	С
<u>†4</u>	↓4	↑5	↓5	↑6	↓6	<b>↓</b> 7	↑7
do	re	mi	fa	so	la	ti	do

С	В	Α	G	F	Е	D	С
↑7	↓7	↓6	↑6	↓5	↑5	↓4	↑4
do	ti	la	so	fa	mi	re	do

- Each hole has a number numbered 1 through 10 from left to right.
  - With each number, you can play two different notes – one when you blow and one when you draw.
- Eight of these numbers make up the "C major scale".
  - Think of a musical scale as stairs.
  - As the notes go up, the tone gets higher in pitch.
  - As the notes go down, the tone gets lower in pitch.



## Let's Play a Song!

### **Happy Birthday**

Hap-py Birth-day to you!

Hap-py Birth-day to you!

$$9$$
 9 8 7 8 7  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$  Hap-py Birth-day to you!



### Let's Play a Song!

### When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go march-ing in

Oh, how I long to be in that num-ber

$$5 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 4$$

$$\uparrow \quad \downarrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

When the saints go march-ing in!



### Let's Play a Song!

#### Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Take me out to the ball game,

Take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some pea-nuts and Crack-er Jack,

I don't care if I ne-ver get back!

For its root, root for the home team,

4 4 4 5 5 6 6 
$$\downarrow$$
  $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$  If they don't win, it's a shame.

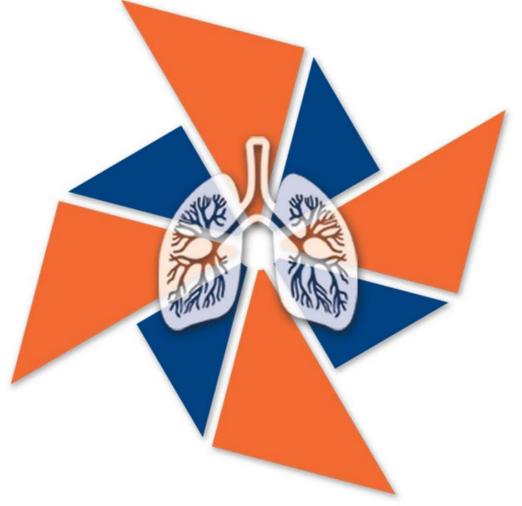
6 7 7 7 7 7 6 6 
$$\downarrow$$
  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$  For it's One, Two, Three strikes you're out

5 6 6 7 7 
$$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \uparrow$$
 At the old ball game!



# Thank you for joining us today!

### Reach out to us with questions!

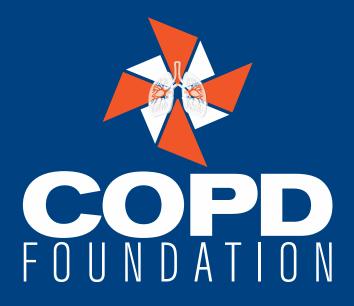


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The COPD Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of patients with COPD, bronchiectasis, and NTM lung disease through scientific research, education, and awareness that will lead to prevention and a stop in the progression of the disease.

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