

## Welcome



Have microphones available but on mute

3 Turn your volume up

Have these items ready:



Harmonica



Pen or Pencil (maybe a highlighter)



Player Manual



Washcloth



Water



Lip Balm



Inhaler
(if you have one prescribed for you)



## Welcome!

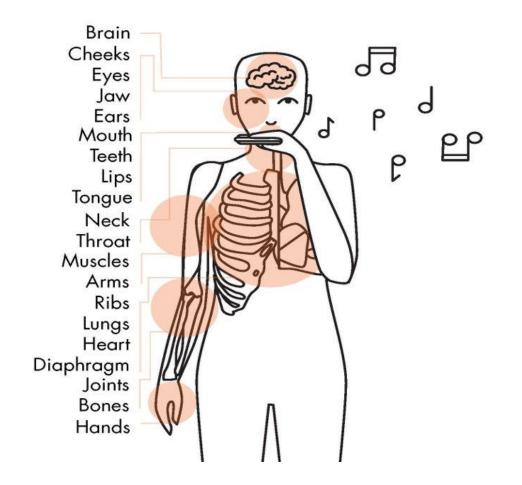
#### What is Harmonicas for Health?



- 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 Play a Song!

### Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row row row your boat gent-ly down the stream

Mer-ri-ly Mer-ri-ly Mer-ri-ly

Life is but a dream.

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



# Let's Play a Song!

### **You Are My Sunshine**

You are my sun-shine, my on-ly sun-shine

You make me happy when skies are gray

You'll never know, dear, how much I love you

Please don't take my sun-shine aw-ay.

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# Let's Play a Song!

### The Lion Sleeps Tonight

In the jun-gle, the mighty jun-gle

The lion sleeps to-night

In the jun-gle, the quiet jun-gle

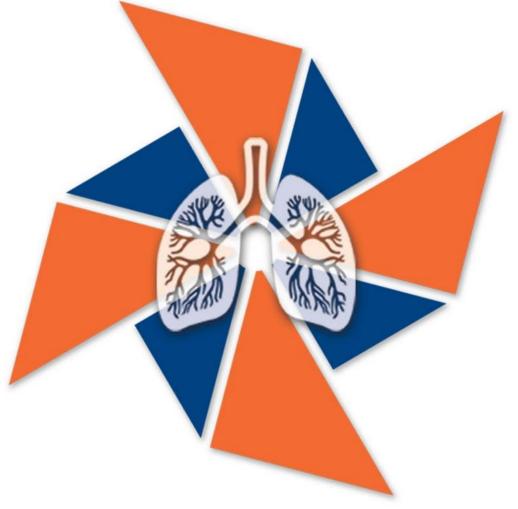
The lion sleeps to-night

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# Thank you for joining us today!

### Reach out to us with questions!

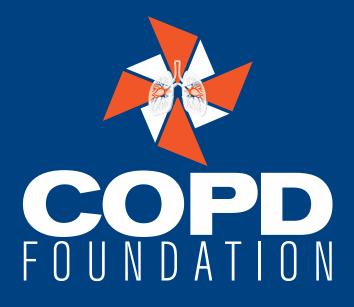


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