

Opioid Overdose Prevention & Reversal

Information Sheet

The Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reversal Project

Opioid Overdose is the leading cause of injury death in Massachusetts. Some examples of opioids include Heroin, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, Codeine, & Morphine. In order to save lives, the Department of Public Health is conducting a pilot project to distribute a medication called naloxone that can reverse an opioid overdose.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan®)

In an overdose, opioids can slow breathing to the point of death. Naloxone blocks the opioids and restores normal breathing when sprayed into the nose of someone who has overdosed. It is safe, easy to administer, and has no potential for abuse.

Program Overview

Programs participating in the pilot project offer referrals to substance abuse treatment for all participants who are misusing opioids. These programs train opioid users, their families and their friends on how to prevent and recognize an opioid overdose, and what to do if one occurs. The training covers the importance of calling 9-1-1, how to perform rescue breathing, and how to administer naloxone intra-nasally.

This pilot project is possible under Massachusetts General Law - MGL c. 94C and DPH Drug Control Program regulations at 105 CMR 700.000.



For More Information

- For the latest information on where to get naloxone or for a treatment referral call: the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline at **800-327-5050**
- Naloxone rescue kits are now available at many pharmacies across the state, with and without prescriptions. Call or visit your local pharmacy to find out more.
- If you have questions about the DPH naloxone distribution pilot contact: Sarah Ruiz at 617-624-5136 or at Sarah.Ruiz@state.ma.us

Where to Get Naloxone in Massachusetts:

<p>Boston Boston Public Health Commission, AHOPE 774 Albany Street 617-534-3967 or 617-534-3976 Mobile Outreach 617-592-7828</p>	<p>Brockton Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. The COPE Center 81 Pleasant Street 508-583-3405</p>	<p>Cambridge AIDS Action Committee 359 Green Street 617-599-0246</p>
<p>Fall River Seven Hills Behavioral Health 310 South Main Street 508-235-1012</p>	<p>Greenfield Tapestry Health 277 Main Street, Ste. 404A 413-773-8888 Center for Human Development 489 Bernardston Road 413-774-6252</p>	<p>Holyoke Tapestry Health 15A Main Street 413-315-3732 x1 Holyoke Health Center 230 Maple Street, lower level 413-420-2276</p>
<p>Hyannis AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 428 South Street 866-990-2437 or 508-778-1954</p>	<p>Hull Manet Community Health Center 180 George Washington Boulevard 857-939-4108</p>	<p>Lawrence Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Prevention & Education Dept 100 Water Street 978-685-7663</p>
<p>Lowell Lowell Community Health Center 161 Jackson Street 978-221-6767 Lowell House 555 Merrimack Street 978-459-8656</p>	<p>Lynn Health Innovations, Inc Healthy Streets Outreach Program 100 Willow Street, 2nd floor 339-440-5633</p>	<p>New Bedford Seven Hills Behavioral Health 1173 Acushnet Avenue 508-996-0546</p>
<p>North Adams Tapestry Health MCLA Wellness Center 289 Church Street 413-443-2844 or 413-662-5258</p>	<p>Northampton Tapestry Health 16 Center Street, Suite 418 413-586-0310 x2</p>	<p>Orange Center for Human Development 131 West Main Street 978-544-2148, option 4</p>
<p>Pittsfield Tapestry Health 100 Wendell Avenue 413-443-2844</p>	<p>Provincetown AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 336 Commercial Street, Unit #10 866-668-6448 or 508-487-8311</p>	<p>Quincy Manet Community Health Center 1193 Sea Street <i>or</i> 110 West Squantum Street <i>or</i> 9 Bicknell Street 857-939-4108</p>
<p>Revere North Suffolk Mental Health 265 Beach Street 617-912-7554</p>	<p>Springfield Tapestry Health, La Voz 130 Maple Street, lower level 413-363-9472</p>	<p>Worcester AIDS Project Worcester 85 Green Street (Entrance in rear, off Plymouth St.) 508-755-3773 X 27</p>
<p>Pharmacy Access You can get naloxone from a pharmacy with or without a prescription, under a standing order. Please call or visit a local pharmacy for more information.</p>	<p>Learn to Cope 508-738-5148 Naloxone is available at support groups for family members dealing with a loved one suffering from addiction. Please go to www.learn2cope.org for meeting locations and times.</p>	<p>MA Health Promotion Clearinghouse Free Educational Materials http://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/</p>