

Opioid Overdose Prevention & Reversal

Information Sheet

The Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reversal Project

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

Nasal Naloxone (also known as Narcan®)

In an overdose, opioids can slow breathing to the point of death. Nasal 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 nasal naloxone.

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

- To hear recorded information on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to an opioid overdose call: **800-383-2437**
- If you have questions about the DPH naloxone distribution pilot contact: Sarah Ruiz at 617-624-5136 or at Sarah.Ruiz@state.ma.us
- 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**

Where to Get Naloxone in Massachusetts:

<p>Boston Boston Public Health Commission, AHOPE 774 Albany Street, 617-534-3967 Mobile Unit—call for locations and schedule 800-383-2437</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>Gloucester Northeast Behavioral Health 302 Washington Street, 978-236-0251</p>	<p>Holyoke Holyoke Health Center, CEPA 330 Appleton Street, 413-536-8721</p>
<p>Hyannis AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 428 South Street, 866-990-2437 or 508-778-1954</p>	<p>Lawrence Greater Lawrence Family Health Center 100 Water Street, 978-685-7663 X 8504</p>
<p>Lowell Lowell Community Health Center 585-579 Merrimack Street, 978-746-7731 Lowell House, Inc., Darby Drop-In Center 555 Merrimack Street, 978-459-8656 Ext. 23</p>	<p>Lynn Northeast Behavioral Health Lynn Healthy Streets Outreach 280 Union Street, 781-592-0243</p>
<p>New Bedford Seven Hills Behavioral Health 1173 Acushnet Avenue, 508-996-0546</p>	<p>Northampton Tapestry Health 16 Center Street, Suite 423, 413-586-0310</p>
<p>Provincetown AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 336 Commercial Street, Unit #10, 866-668-6448, 508-487-8311</p>	<p>Quincy Bay State Community Services, Impact Quincy 13 Temple St., 3rd Fl., 617-471-8400 x142</p>
<p>Springfield Tapestry Health, La Voz 130 Maple Street, lower level, 413-363-9472</p>	<p>Worcester AIDS Project Worcester 85 Green Street, 508-755-3773 X 29</p>
<p>Learn to Cope Naloxone is available at support groups for parents and family members dealing with a loved one suffering from addiction. Please go to www.learn2cope.org for meeting locations and times.</p>	<p>For the most up-to-date list on where to get naloxone or for a treatment referral call: the MA Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline at 800-327-5050</p>

