

ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE IN SCHOOLS

The RSU 19 Board is committed to preventing opioid-related deaths on school premises.

Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan or Evzio, is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. Naloxone has no potential for abuse and is a non-narcotic and non-addiction prescription medication.

It is the policy of RSU19 that naloxone be available in all District schools for administration to any person in the event of a suspected opioid overdose in the school setting.

Authorization

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for obtaining a standing order from RSU 19's school physician/school health advisor to enable the school unit to acquire, store and administer naloxone in compliance with this policy. The original standing order shall be maintained in the Superintendent's office, with a copy kept in the Nurse's office in each of the District's schools.

Procurement

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for procurement of naloxone.

Training

RSU 19 will provide training in the use of naloxone to all school employees.

Before any school employee may administer naloxone, s/he must have completed a training program on recognizing suspected overdose, the protocol for responding to a suspected overdose, administration of naloxone, and follow-up reporting requirements.

Any licensed healthcare professional working within the school may carry and administer naloxone on school property with a standing order from the school health advisor.

Any unlicensed staff member who has been trained in the administration of naloxone may administer naloxone to any person on school property with a standing order from the school health advisor.

Administration

Staff members trained in accordance with this policy are expected to make every reasonable effort to revive the victim of any apparent opioid overdose following the protocols established in the naloxone training for school employees:

- Call 9-1-1 to notify EMS and law enforcement

- Administer rescue breathing
- Prepare and administer naloxone
- May repeat dose as necessary per standing order

Note: MRSA 4009 provides immunity for non-licensed school personnel who render first aid, emergency treatment, or rescue assistance to a student during a school program.

Storage

Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an unlocked storage cabinet. The School Nurse will ensure that all staff are aware of the Naloxone storage location.

Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat and direct sunlight.

Post Administration Follow-Up

Following administration of naloxone, the person administering naloxone will follow the District's procedure for reporting incidents to the Building Principal.

The School Nurse is able to provide substance abuse prevention resources to the overdose victim and family, as appropriate.

The Building Principal will notify the Superintendent of the incident.

Limitation

Although the Board authorizes the acquisition of naloxone, it cannot and does not guarantee that a person trained in its use will be available at any particular school site at all time or at any school-sponsored event.

Legal Reference: Governor's Executive Order No. 2, An Order to Implement Immediate Responses to Maine's Opioid Epidemic, February 6, 2019
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