

Naloxone Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilizations of Naloxone administered by members of the Barrington Public School Department.

II. POLICY

Per RIGL §16-21-35 (2015-S 0154A, 2015-H 5047A), it is the policy of the Barrington Public School Department that all public middle schools and high schools shall provide and maintain on-site in each school facility opioid antagonists. To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained school nurse-teacher may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

No school nurse-teacher shall be liable for civil damages which may result from acts of omissions relating to the use of the opioid antagonist which may constitute ordinary negligence; nor shall the school personnel be subject to criminal prosecution which may result from acts or omissions in the good faith administration of an opioid antagonist. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct. No school nurse-teacher shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

III. TRAINING

a. School nurse-teachers shall be trained in the use of Naloxone by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC); or a designee. School departments are encouraged to send other staff to be trained, including coaches, guidance counselors, custodians, teachers, etc.

IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

- a. The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse-teacher, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of Naloxone. The school physician shall prepare standing orders.
- b. The RIDOH recommends that schools provide intranasal Naloxone. At a minimum, each school should have a quantity of two (2) Naloxone nasal spray delivery systems with step-by-step instructions, nitrile gloves, as well as a mask/barrier device for rescue breathing.

V. STORAGE

- a. Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse-teacher. The school nurse-teacher will ensure that all other relevant staff are aware of the Naloxone storage location.
- b. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.
- c. Inspection of the Naloxone shall be conducted regularly.
- Check the expiration date found on either box or vial.

VI. USE OF NALOXONE

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, school nurse-teachers or other trained staff shall follow the protocols outlined in the Naloxone training and the instructions in the Naloxone kit.

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