



Use of Opioid Antagonists Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilization of Opioid Antagonists administered by members of the Barrington Public Schools (**BPS**).

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the District that all BPS elementary, middle schools, and high schools, shall provide and maintain on-site in each school facility opioid antagonists.¹ To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any authorized school personnel may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student, staff or other persons suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose, whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

Any school nurse-teacher or other school personnel using an opioid antagonist shall be protected from both civil and criminal liability pursuant to the provisions of chapter 28.9 of title 21 (the Good Samaritan overdose prevention act of 2016).

III. TRAINING

Training is recommended for staff including nurse-teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, custodians, teachers, etc. No school nurse-teacher or other school personnel shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

IV. PROCUREMENT OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST

- a) The Superintendent, principal, certified school nurse-teacher or designee will be responsible for the procurement of opioid antagonists. The school physician shall prepare standing orders for the procedures to be followed in dealing with a suspected opioid overdose in a school setting which shall be updated annually. Such standing orders shall not require any school nurse-teacher to administer an opioid antagonist.
- b) The RI Department of Health recommends that schools provide intranasal opioid antagonists. At a minimum, each school should have a quantity of two (2) opioid antagonist nasal spray delivery systems with step-by-step instructions, nitrile gloves, as well as a mask/barrier device for rescue breathing.

V. STORAGE

- a) Opioid antagonists will be clearly marked and stored in a conspicuous place, readily available, but with provisions made for the safekeeping and security of the opioid antagonist so that the security of



the medication will not be compromised. The school nurse-teacher will ensure that all other relevant staff is aware of the opioid antagonist's storage location.

- b) The inspection of the opioid antagonist shall be conducted regularly to check the expiration date.
- c) Opioid antagonists will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight. The inspection of the opioid antagonist shall be conducted regularly to check the expiration 2date.

VI. USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST

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

VII. FOLLOW-UP

After administration of an opioid antagonist, the school nurse-teacher, or other school personnel will follow the BPS reporting protocols.

¹Per RIGL §16-21-35 ([2019-S 0409SUBA 2019-H 6086SUBA](#))

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