

Naloxone Policy
Clay County Schools

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the utilization of the opioid antagonist, naloxone, administered by the certified school RN at Clay County Schools.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Clay County Board of Education that the certified school RN shall be trained in naloxone use and maintain naloxone on-site.

During an emergency, the certified school RN, and other licensed RNs and LPNs working in the schools may administer naloxone or other opioid antagonists to treat suspected opioid overdose in the school setting. An opioid antagonist, such as naloxone, may be administered to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose, regardless of any history of opioid abuse.

Any certified School nurse, other licensed nurses, and designated school personnel shall not be held liable for civil damages which may result from acts or 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 protection is implemented through the West Virginia Good Samaritan Law (W. Va. Code §16-47-1). This does not apply to acts or omissions establishing gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct. No school nurse shall be subject to disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

III. TRAINING

a. Naloxone training and stocking protocols shall be allowed under a written standing order from the State Health Officer. Certified RNs shall receive Naloxone training either in person or through online education with the State Health Officer or an appointed entity by the State Health Office.

b. Educational materials and training will be provided to the certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and school employees working in the opiate-related overdose prevention and treatment programs, as well as materials on administering the prescribed opioid antagonist.

c. Certified School RNs will complete and submit the DHHR Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO)/State Targeted Response (STR) Grants Naloxone Distribution training form to the appropriate agency upon completion of training. (Appendix E)

d. Following the appropriate training procedures, Naloxone may be obtained through the following ways:

- Contact University of Charleston, School of Pharmacy (UCSOP) o Dr. Lindsay Acree

- lindsayacree@ucwv.edu
- 304-357-4379
- Contact your local health department
 - <https://dhhr.wv.gov/localhealth/pages/map.aspx>
- Contact Jostin Holmes
 - Jostin.D.Holmes@wv.gov

IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

a. Certified School RNs are the leaders of healthcare teams in school settings. Certified School RNs have the authority to train non-medical school personnel to administer emergency medications, including but not limited to naloxone.

b. WVDE recommends that schools obtain the following materials:

1. Four doses of naloxone HCL 4mg/0.1 nasal spray
2. Nitrile gloves
3. Mask/barrier kit
4. Pediatric and Adult Ambu Bags
5. Step-by-step instructions for administering intranasal naloxone

V. STORAGE

a. Naloxone will be marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the certified school RN. The certified school RN will confirm that all necessary staff are aware of the naloxone storage location.

b. Naloxone will be kept by manufacturer guidance, avoiding extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.

- Inspection of naloxone in storage shall be conducted regularly, including checking the expiration date.

c. Recommended locations for a naloxone kit:

- Near AED kit
- Near restroom(s)
- Same location as the first-aid equipment/kit
- Near the fire extinguisher
- Locations accessible in the event of an emergency (e.g., NOT in a locked cabinet)

VI. USE OF NALOXONE

a. In case of a suspected opioid overdose, certified school RNs and other designated unlicensed personnel shall follow the protocols outlined in the naloxone training:

- Call 911
- Prepare and administer naloxone
- Administer rescue breathing
- Continue rescue breathing
- Give another dose of naloxone in 3 minutes if no response or minimal breathing or responsiveness
- Complete and submit documentation required by the county board of education

b. Complete and submit the administration of naloxone report to the West Virginia Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222. West Virginia state law requires that naloxone administration be reported to the Poison Center.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

a. After the administration of naloxone, the certified school RN and other designated personnel will follow the Clay County Schools reporting protocols.

b. It is recommended that the certified school RN and/or principal ensure the overdose victim is transported to an emergency department.

c. Notify student support staff services, school counselor, school psychologist, and school administrator to provide substance abuse prevention resources to the overdose victim and family, as appropriate.

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