

## Opioid Overdose Prevention & Reversal

### Information Sheet

#### The Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reversal Project

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

#### Naloxone (also known as Narcan®)

In an overdose, opioids can slow breathing to the point of death. 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 naloxone intra-nasally.

*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

- 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**
- Naloxone rescue kits are now available at many pharmacies across the state, with and without prescriptions. Call or visit your local pharmacy to find out more.
- If you have questions about the DPH naloxone distribution pilot contact: Sarah Ruiz at 617-624-5136 or at [Sarah.Ruiz@state.ma.us](mailto:Sarah.Ruiz@state.ma.us)

## Where to Get Naloxone in Massachusetts:

<p><b>Boston</b>          Boston Public Health Commission,          AHOPE          774 Albany Street  <b>617-534-3967 or 617-534-3976</b>          Mobile Outreach  <b>617-592-7828</b></p>	<p><b>Brockton</b>          Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc.          The COPE Center          81 Pleasant Street  <b>508-583-3405</b></p>	<p><b>Cambridge</b>          AIDS Action Committee          359 Green Street  <b>617-599-0246</b></p>
<p><b>Fall River</b>          Seven Hills Behavioral Health          310 South Main Street  <b>508-235-1012</b></p>	<p><b>Greenfield</b>          Tapestry Health          277 Main Street, Ste. 404A  <b>413-773-8888</b>          Center for Human Development          489 Bernardston Road  <b>413-774-6252</b></p>	<p><b>Holyoke</b>          Tapestry Health          15A Main Street  <b>413-315-3732 x1</b>          Holyoke Health Center          230 Maple Street, lower level  <b>413-420-2276</b></p>
<p><b>Hyannis</b>          AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod          428 South Street  <b>866-990-2437 or 508-778-1954</b></p>	<p><b>Hull</b>          Manet Community Health Center          180 George Washington Boulevard  <b>857-939-4108</b></p>	<p><b>Lawrence</b>          Greater Lawrence Family Health          Center, Prevention &amp; Education Dept          100 Water Street  <b>978-685-7663</b></p>
<p><b>Lowell</b>          Lowell Community Health Center          161 Jackson Street  <b>978-221-6767</b>          Lowell House          555 Merrimack Street  <b>978-459-8656</b></p>	<p><b>Lynn</b>          Health Innovations, Inc          Healthy Streets Outreach Program          100 Willow Street, 2nd floor  <b>339-440-5633</b></p>	<p><b>New Bedford</b>          Seven Hills Behavioral Health          1173 Acushnet Avenue  <b>508-996-0546</b></p>
<p><b>North Adams</b>          Tapestry Health          MCLA Wellness Center          289 Church Street  <b>413-443-2844 or 413-662-5258</b></p>	<p><b>Northampton</b>          Tapestry Health          16 Center Street, Suite 418  <b>413-586-0310 x2</b></p>	<p><b>Orange</b>          Center for Human Development          131 West Main Street  <b>978-544-2148, option 4</b></p>
<p><b>Pittsfield</b>          Tapestry Health          100 Wendell Avenue  <b>413-443-2844</b></p>	<p><b>Provincetown</b>          AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod          336 Commercial Street, Unit #10  <b>866-668-6448 or 508-487-8311</b></p>	<p><b>Quincy</b>          Manet Community Health Center          1193 Sea Street <i>or</i>          110 West Squantum Street <i>or</i>          9 Bicknell Street  <b>857-939-4108</b></p>
<p><b>Revere</b>          North Suffolk Mental Health          265 Beach Street  <b>617-912-7554</b></p>	<p><b>Springfield</b>          Tapestry Health, La Voz          130 Maple Street, lower level  <b>413-363-9472</b></p>	<p><b>Worcester</b>          AIDS Project Worcester          85 Green Street          (Entrance in rear, off Plymouth St.)  <b>508-755-3773 X 27</b></p>
<p><b>Pharmacy Access</b>          You can get naloxone from a          pharmacy with or without a          prescription, under a standing order.          Please call or visit a local pharmacy          for more information.</p>	<p><b>Learn to Cope</b>  <b>508-738-5148</b>          Naloxone is available at support groups          for family members dealing with a loved          one suffering from addiction.          Please go to <a href="http://www.learn2cope.org">www.learn2cope.org</a> for          meeting locations and times.</p>	<p><b>MA Health Promotion          Clearinghouse</b>  <b>Free Educational Materials</b>  <a href="http://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/">http://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/</a></p>