



Naloxone On-site

- **How do you obtain Naloxone?** Naloxone is available in all pharmacies across the country. Massachusetts has an open prescription, meaning layperson can go to the pharmacy and request a Naloxone prescription without needing a MD prescriber.
- **Where should they store it?** Naloxone should be stored at room temperature anywhere and can be left unattended as it has no side effects or harmful effects. It is usually packaged in a single use plastic sealed container that would need to be opened in order to access this medication.
- **Who would train the people to administer it?** Trainings are generally held by State Departments of Public Health, through hospital affiliated organizations or by MDs/pharmacists.

This message sent on behalf of Michael Botticelli, Executive Director, Grayken Center for Addiction

Dear Leaders,

BMC continues to take a leadership role locally and nationally in the fight against the opioid epidemic. In 2017, more than 2,000 people in Massachusetts died as a result of an opioid overdose, and nationally more than 64,000 died from an overdose in 2016.

Widespread distribution and administration of Naloxone has been shown to reduce overdose deaths. Earlier this month, US Surgeon General Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, put out a call to action for more Americans to carry this life-saving intervention, which is not only effective, but also safe and easy to administer after a short training.

The Grayken Center for Addiction is proud to partner with BMC Outpatient Pharmacy Department, Public Safety, Project ASSERT, and BU Internal Medicine Residency Training Program to offer Naloxone training to all staff. Please see details below about the 15-minute drop-in sessions being held on Monday, April 30.

We encourage managers to promote this training with their teams and allow interested staff to attend. Thank you.