

<b>NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NALOXONE (NARCAN) POLICY</b>	<b>Approved: 2/26/2020 Updated: 8/27/2025</b>

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilization of Naloxone administered by members of the North Providence Public Schools

**II. POLICY**

Per RIGL **16-21-35**, it is the policy of the North Providence Public Schools that all public elementary schools, 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 personnel 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.

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 RIGL chapter 28.9 of title 21 (the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act of 2016). 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**

School nurse teachers shall be trained in the use of naloxone by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RI DOH), 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**

The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse teacher, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of naloxone. The school physician shall prepare standing orders which shall be updated annually.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RI DOH) recommends that schools provide intranasal naloxone. At minimum, each school should have the following supplies:

Item	Manufacturer	Quantity
Naloxone HCL 4mg/0.1ml Nasal spray	ADAPT	2
Nitrile gloves, pair	Various	1
Mask/barrier device	Various	1
Step by step instructions	Various	1

**V. STORAGE**

- 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.
- Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.
- Inspection of the naloxone shall be conducted and logged monthly by the school nurse teacher to review the expiration date found on either the box or the 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.

**VII. FOLLOW-UP**

- a. After administration of naloxone, the school nurse teacher, or other staff, will follow the North Providence Public Schools reporting protocols.
- b. The school nurse teacher or other staff will:
  - Ensure that the overdose victim is transported to the emergency room at a hospital;
  - Notify appropriate student services; and
  - Provide substance abuse prevention resources to the overdose victim and family, as appropriate.

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