



Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy

To combat the continuing rise in opioid related deaths in New York State and potentially save a life, the Naples Library has instituted an Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy. This document sets forth the required plans and procedures necessary to provide and maintain intranasal (IN) naloxone on-site to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies to any patron or staff member suspected of having an opioid overdose. Naples Library staff will be semi-annually trained by **FLACRA**, a New York State Department of Health Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, training which is sponsored by Pioneer Library System. Trained staff and volunteers will adhere to all requirements stipulated by the partner organization in addition to the procedures listed in this document. The Library Director is authorized to proceed with instituting a board-sanctioned Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

New York State Legal Framework

To combat the continuing rise in opioid related deaths in New York State, laws were recently amended to allow New York State's Public Libraries to participate in opioid overdose prevention programs by partnering with a NYSDOH Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program operated by another organization. Public Libraries who choose to participate and act reasonably and in good faith, shall not be subject to criminal, civil or administrative liability solely by administering naloxone and may maintain IN naloxone on-site in adequate supplies. Choosing to participate permits employees who volunteer, and volunteer workers, to be trained in accordance with public health laws to administer IN naloxone without liability.

Applicable New York State Laws

- **[Education Law §922](#) & [Commissioner's Regulations §136.8](#)**: permits schools districts, boards of education, charter schools, non-public schools, and public libraries to participate in opioid overdose prevention programs.
- **[Public Health Law §3309](#) and its implementing regulation ([10NYCR §80.138](#))**: establishes opioid overdose prevention programs which allow trained individuals to administer naloxone. Under this law and regulations, administration of naloxone shall be considered first aid or emergency treatment for purposes of any statute relating to liability.

Training/Certification

Naples Library will keep a current list of certified staff and volunteers.

Certified people are required to review their skills every 2 years or when current NARCAN kits expire.

Procedure:

If an individual is experiencing an opioid overdose they may be showing the following signs; small pupils, blue/ashy nails, gurgling, slow breathing/no breathing, disorientation/confusion. If an individual is unconscious and suspected of experiencing an opioid overdose, staff should do the following:

- Call 911
- Conduct a “sternal rub” to try and wake the individual
- If the individual does not wake and is showing signs of an opioid overdose, staff may administer NARCAN and assist the individual into the recovery position.
- If rescue breathing is needed, use PPE.
- If the individual wakes, staff should step back. Individuals that wake from an opioid overdose after receiving NARCAN may be confused or agitated.
- Wait for the emergency response team

NARCAN may take 2-3 minutes to work and depending on the severity of the overdose may need to be administered a second time while waiting for the emergency response team. NARCAN is harmless to an individual and only has an effect on those that are currently using opiates.

Follow Up:

Any administration of naloxone requires appropriate follow-up documentation. The individual administering NARCAN will document the incident by filling out the [Naples Library NARCAN Use Response Form](#)

For Employees:

Administering naloxone and witnessing an overdose can be an extremely traumatic experience. Employees that witness or experience an opioid overdose are encouraged to seek treatment or counseling following the experience. Resources are available through the Employee Assistance Program provided by the Naples Library. If an employee is struggling with substance abuse, they are encouraged to seek treatment.

This policy may be amended by the Naples Library Board of Trustees at any time.

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