

Policy Title:	Treatment of Opioid Overdose Procedures	Policy ID:	
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A. Purpose of Procedures: to provide for a safe and orderly environment for the school nurse to administer the opioid overdose medication- naloxone.

B. Implementation of Procedures: The following procedures will be implemented throughout the Hartford School District (See policy for definitions):

1. Only the School Nurse/Associate School Nurses are authorized to administer naloxone in the school setting.

2. School Nurses shall be trained in the use of Naloxone by the:

H2 Resource Center and Needle Exchange Program based in Lebanon, NH.

The following are other resources that may be used in training:

VT Statewide Opioid Antagonist Program

VT Statewide EMS Protocol Education for Intranasal naloxone

3. Safety Teams within the HSD will be briefed by the school nurse on their role in response to a suspected opioid overdose.

4. The school nurses will be responsible for procuring a 2 - dose kit of Naloxone with pre-filled syringes for nasal administration, one kit to be maintained in each school building. As needed the school pediatric consultant will issue standing orders for this. Additionally the school nurse will have the following supplies stored with the Naloxone kit: Two nasal atomizers, 2 pair Nitrile gloves, 1 pocket mask/barrier device and ‘ambu’ bag, written step by step instructions.

5. The Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse. This will be in a locked location and the school nurse will ensure that all other relevant staff are aware of the location and how to access the Naloxone. The Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Inspection of the Naloxone will be conducted regularly to determine that it has not expired and the mucosal atomizer is ready for use.

C. Administration of Naloxone

1. Assess for signs of opioid overdose that may include:
 - Unresponsive/minimally responsive
 - Slow breathing (<10 per minute) or not breathing, snoring with gurgling
 - Body limp
 - Face pale
 - Lips and fingertips bluish
2. Call 911
3. Administer rescue breathing
4. Prepare and administer Naloxone
5. Alert the school crisis response team who are trained to provide restraint per the district's written procedure
6. Continue rescue breathing
7. Give another dose of Naloxone in 3 minutes if no response or minimal breathing or responsiveness
8. Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes, which necessitates definitive medical care at a medical facility
9. Comfort victim; withdrawal can be unpleasant
10. After administration of Naloxone, the school nurse and other staff will:
 - follow the HSD substance abuse policy including notifying appropriate school administration
 - note event in student's health record
 - notify Coordinator of School Health Services and School Pediatric Consultant
 - debrief with persons involved in the emergency