

# Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## Opioid Overdose Prevention & Reversal

### Information Sheet

#### The Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reversal Project

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

#### Nasal Naloxone (also known as Narcan®)

In an overdose, opioids can slow breathing to the point of death. Nasal 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 nasal naloxone.

*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

- To hear recorded information on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to an opioid overdose call: **800-383-2437**
- 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)
- 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**

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## Where to Get Naloxone in Massachusetts:

<b>Boston</b> Boston Public Health Commission, AHOPE 774 Albany Street, <b>617-534-3967</b> Mobile Unit—call for locations and schedule <b>800-383-2437</b>	<b>Brockton</b> Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. The COPE Center 81 Pleasant Street, <b>508-583-3405</b>
<b>Cambridge</b> AIDS Action Committee 359 Green Street, <b>617-599-0246</b>	<b>Fall River</b> Seven Hills Behavioral Health 310 South Main Street, <b>508-235-1012</b>
<b>Greenfield</b> Tapestry Health 80 Sanderson St., <b>413-773-8888</b>	<b>Holyoke</b> Holyoke Health Center 230 Maple Street, lower level <b>413-420-2276</b>  Tapestry Health 15A Main Street, <b>413-315-3732</b>
<b>Hyannis</b> AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 428 South Street, <b>866-990-2437</b> or <b>508-778-1954</b>	<b>Lawrence</b> Greater Lawrence Family Health Center 100 Water Street, <b>978-685-7663 X 8504</b>
<b>Lowell</b> Lowell Community Health Center 161 Jackson St., <b>978-746-6767</b>  Lowell House, Inc. 555 Merrimack Street, <b>978-459-8656 Ext. 32</b>	<b>Lynn</b> Health Innovations, Inc Healthy Streets Outreach Program 100 Willow Street, 2nd floor, <b>781-592-0243</b>
<b>New Bedford</b> Seven Hills Behavioral Health 1173 Acushnet Avenue, <b>508-996-0546</b>	<b>Northampton</b> Tapestry Health 16 Center Street, Suite 423, <b>413-586-0310</b>
<b>Provincetown</b> AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 336 Commercial Street, Unit #10, <b>866-668-6448, 508-487-8311</b>	<b>Quincy</b> Manet Community Health Center 1193 Sea St, <b>857-403-0803</b>
<b>Revere</b> North Suffolk Mental Health 265 Beach Street, Revere Tuesdays 5-8pm, <b>617-912-7554</b>	<b>Springfield</b> Tapestry Health, La Voz 130 Maple Street, lower level, <b>413-363-9472</b>
<b>Worcester</b> AIDS Project Worcester 85 Green Street, <b>508-755-3773 X 29</b>	<b>Learn to Cope</b> Naloxone is available at support groups for parents and 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.