



Opioid Solutions: Naloxone

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Opioid Solutions Network



—Applications due March 6, 2026—

KACo Opioid Solutions Learning Opportunities



Kentucky counties continue to lead the way in addressing the opioid epidemic through thoughtful, strategic use of opioid settlement dollars. To support this work, KACo is launching Opioid Solutions, a nine-part webinar series in 2026 designed to help counties better understand and implement the core strategies outlined in [Exhibit E](#) of the national opioid settlements.

Each monthly session will take a deep dive into one allowable strategy area and will include:

- A clear explanation of the strategy and how it fits within settlement requirements
- Practical guidance for local implementation
- Real-world examples of county-funded opioid abatement programs
- Tips to support impact, sustainability, and compliance



KACo Opioid Solutions Learning Opportunities



Check out KACo's resource library for continuing education opportunities highlighting how counties are using their opioid settlement funds in innovative, effective, and sustainable ways. You'll find best practices on topics such as youth prevention, peer support, access to treatment, quick response teams, and more. Stay tuned for new resources and updates!

Opioid Settlement Resource Library

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Frequently Asked Questions

A photograph of the Kentucky State Capitol building, showing its grand architecture and a large dome, with a paved walkway leading towards it.

Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

A photograph of a classical statue of Lady Justice, holding a scale of justice and a sword, set against a dark purple background.

Settlement Agreements and Exhibits

A photograph of a laptop displaying a webinar recording interface, with a person's hands visible in the foreground, one holding a coffee cup.

Archived Trainings and Recordings

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Tools, Templates and Planning

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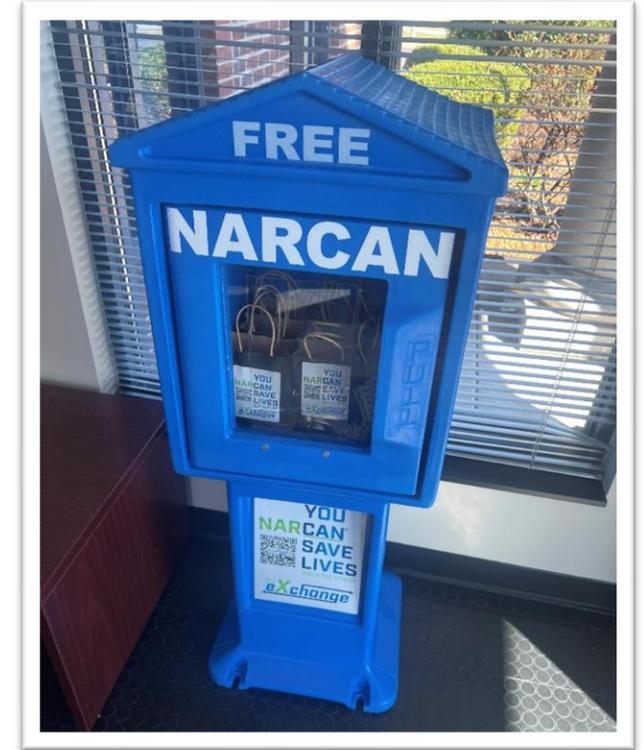
Approved Uses and Resources

Increased Availability and Distribution of Naloxone

Education and Training around Naloxone

Public Education relating to emergency response to overdose

Free Community Naloxone distribution



Counties in Action



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Monthly Harm Reduction Supplies Distribution

2025 Distribution Dates:
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February 4th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th

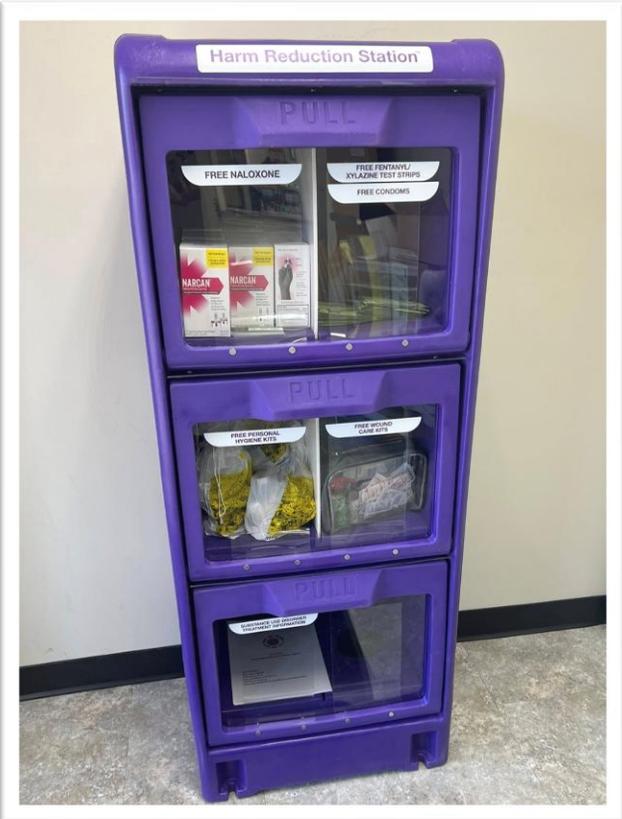
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Opioid Settlement Advisor



- **Guidance on opioid settlement use**
- **Review of allowable expenses**
- **Support for long-term and strategic planning**
- **Access to templates and standardized forms**
- **Assistance with mandatory reporting requirements**
- **Review of best practices and peer examples**
- **Training and education opportunities**
- **Referrals to qualified practitioners and subject-matter experts**

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From the Ground Up: *A Local Approach to Naloxone Saturation*

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- [Find Naloxone Now KY](#)
 - is Kentucky's Naloxone Access and Training Website.
- [Kentucky's Naloxone Saturation Strategic Plan](#)
 - outlines collaborative, proactive strategies to get naloxone to the Kentuckians that need it most.

The 2025-2026 Kentucky Naloxone Saturation Strategic Plan is readable, actionable, and shareable.

Kentucky Naloxone Saturation Strategic Plan: 2025-2026



To reduce overdose mortality in an equitable manner across the commonwealth, government agencies and community-based organizations must collaborate to distribute naloxone, the drug used to reverse opioid overdose. Implementing this naloxone saturation strategic plan will maximize the impact of resources, support coordination across agencies and enable Kentucky to significantly reduce overdose mortality in disproportionately affected communities.

Saturation means that naloxone is available for at least 80% of witnessed overdoses (Irvine et al., 2022). Saturation in Kentucky will require delivery of Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) to people most likely to witness overdose. Strategic planning will focus resources proactively by promoting naloxone saturation across key agencies on a statewide level (top-down), while simultaneously prioritizing local saturation at the county level based on need and readiness (bottom-up). This approach will address changing patterns of substance use in a rapidly evolving risk environment.

As the landscape of risk continues to change, rates of opioid overdose remain elevated in Kentucky, particularly among Black, Hispanic, and Appalachian Kentuckians.

Opioid overdose deaths among Kentucky residents by ethnicity and race, 2019–2023

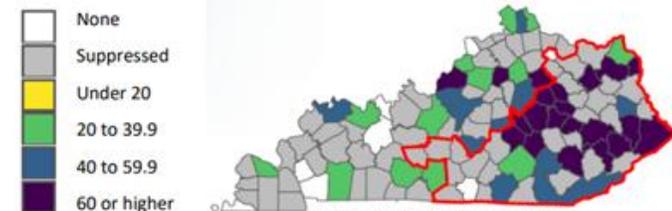
Race	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022-2023 % change	2019-2023 % change
Hispanic	7.8	12.2	13.7	22.1	17.8	-19%	+128%
Non-Hispanic Black	22.2	38.6	53.4	59.3	58.6	-1%	+164%
Non-Hispanic White	25.2	40.5	44.4	40.8	36.4	-11%	+44%

Opioid overdose deaths among Kentucky residents by Appalachian region, 2019–2023

Region	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022-2023 % change	2019-2023 % change
Appalachian counties	21.7	39.4	51.6	47.2	47.4	0%	+118%
Non-Appalachian counties	24.1	36.9	39.3	38.1	32.8	-14%	+36%

Rates have been age-adjusted using the US Standard 2000 population and are presented as the number of deaths per 100,000 population.

Drug overdose deaths by Kentucky county of residence, 2023



(Steel et al., 2024)

Red line denotes Appalachian counties.

Strategic planning will focus resources proactively by promoting naloxone saturation across key agencies on a statewide level (top-down), while simultaneously prioritizing local saturation at the county level based on need and readiness (bottom-up).



Top-down

This plan will support critically positioned agencies across Kentucky by providing technical assistance with policy creation to implement standardized distribution of naloxone to individuals likely to witness overdose. These policies will emphasize opt-out, hand-to-hand distribution over written prescriptions. The following distribution settings will be offered technical assistance to implement agency-wide naloxone distribution policies.

- Administrative Office of the Courts
 - Pretrial Services
 - Alternative Sentencing Program
 - Specialty Courts
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Regional Prevention Centers
- Department of Corrections
 - State Prisons
 - Regional Jails
- Probation and Parole
- Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers
- Rural Health Clinics
- Hospitals
 - Emergency Departments
 - Labor and Delivery, Perinatal Units
- Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services
- Local Health Departments
- Narcotic Treatment Programs
- Recovery Community Centers

Bottom-up

Local saturation will require tailored technical assistance to implement naloxone distribution strategies that focus on people most likely to witness overdose. The Kentucky Department for Public Health Overdose Prevention Liaison will work with Local Health Departments, Kentucky Income Reinvestment Program's Target 4 Project Health Education Coordinators, and Local Collaboration Specialists embedded in Community Mental Health Centers to provide capacity-building technical assistance to communities in response to trends in overdose mortality.

This team will evaluate local factors contributing to overdose trends and help partners select and tailor strategies that promote naloxone saturation within each community's unique social-ecological landscape. Working from materials published on the Find Naloxone Now KY website, this technical assistance will support Local Health Departments and community-based organizations to collaborate with people with lived experience and provide OEND to people most likely to witness overdose.

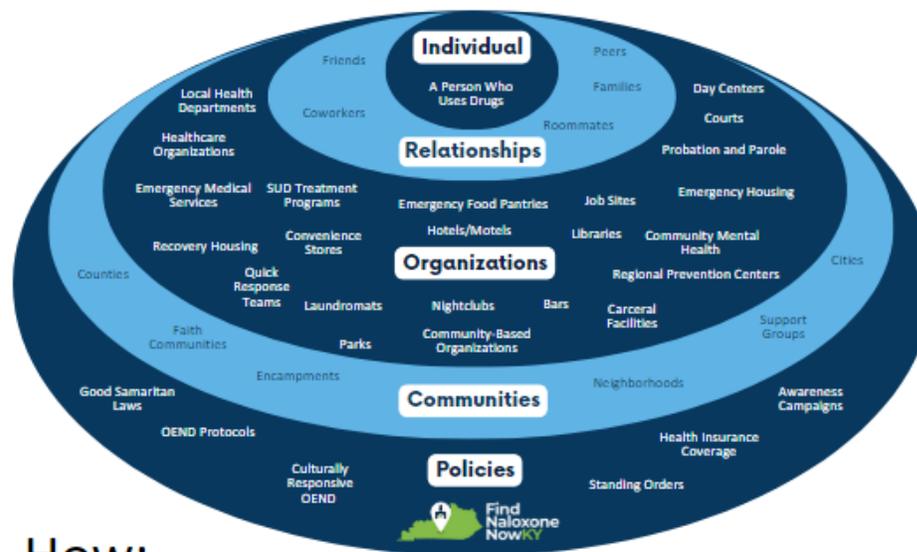
Saturation Plan

What: Distribute naloxone, the drug used to reverse opioid overdose.



Who and Where:

Distribute naloxone to the people most likely to witness overdose in the places where it is needed most.



How:

Active distribution strategies bring naloxone to people, meeting them where they are and offering support.

- Community OEND Events
- Culturally Responsive OEND Materials
- First Responder Leave-Behind
- Mail Order
- Opt-Out Hand-to-Hand Distribution
- Secondary or Peer-to-Peer Distribution
- Quick Response Teams (Post-Overdose Response Teams)

Passive distribution strategies make naloxone available to communities, conveniently and anonymously.

- Harm Reduction Vending Machines
- Emergency Naloxone Storage Boxes
- Naloxone Kiosks

Looking Forward

Through implementation of this plan, top-down and bottom-up strategies merge to inform a dynamic and evolving approach to statewide naloxone saturation. Standardized naloxone distribution policies across identified agencies will further normalize carrying naloxone across the commonwealth. This increased acceptance will, in turn, expand local opportunities for capacity building and technical assistance. Through publication and dissemination, this plan will also serve as a resource for independent and local implementation of the outlined strategies. The collaborative partnerships that result from all of these efforts will help us continue to identify new agency partners, distribution locations, and innovative strategies as we work to ensure that naloxone is available when and where it is needed most.

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The 2025-2026 Kentucky Naloxone Saturation Strategic Plan

is a collaborative effort:

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- Dream.org
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- Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
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What is naloxone saturation?

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(Irvine et al., 2022)



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Estimating naloxone need in the USA
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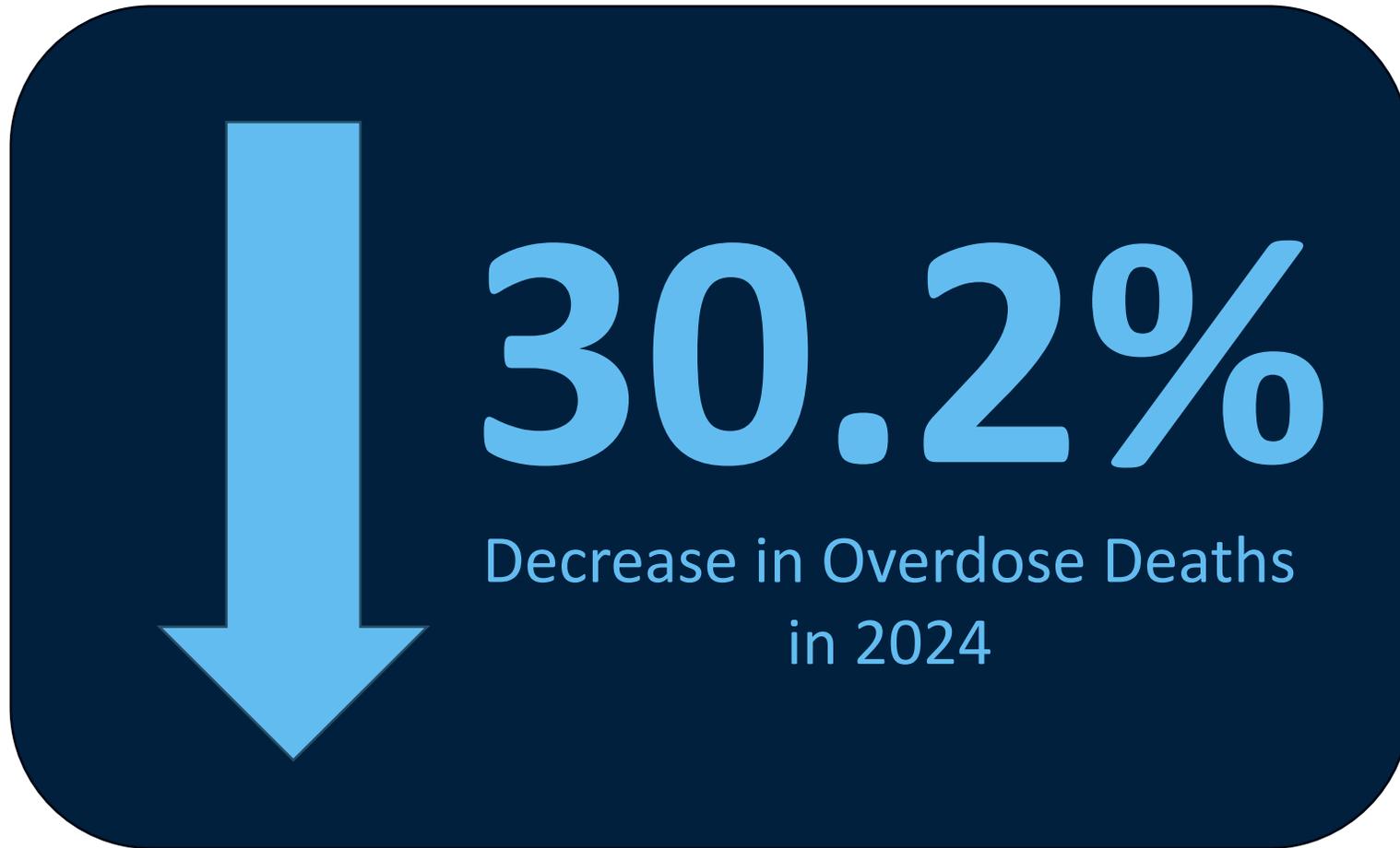
Effectiveness of contact tracing
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What is naloxone saturation in Kentucky?



Saturation in Kentucky will require delivery of Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) to people most likely to witness overdose.

We are starting to see significant improvement.



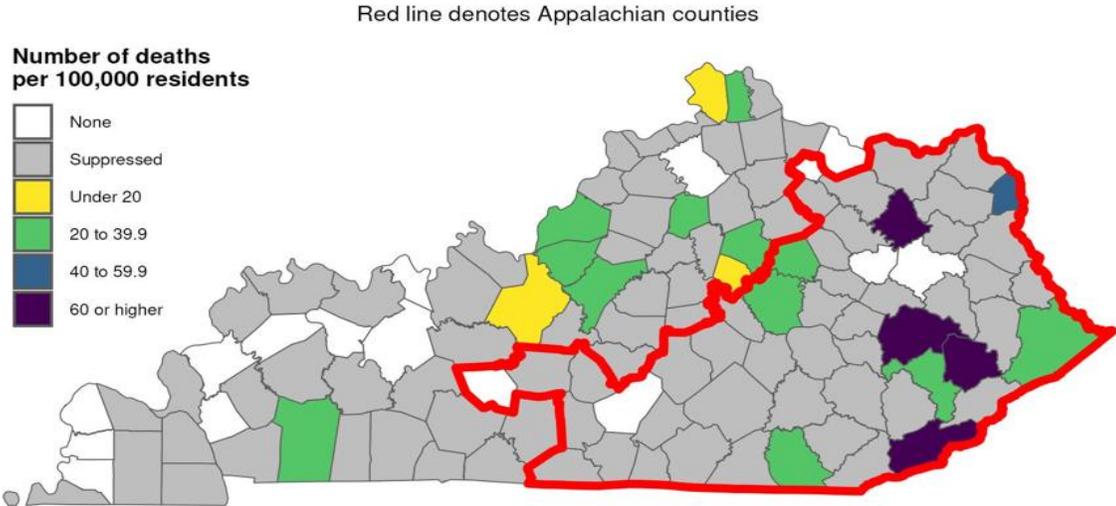
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Non-Hispanic Black	22.2	38.6	53.4	59.3	58.6	33.5	-42.8%	+50.9%
Non-Hispanic White	25.2	40.5	44.4	40.8	36.4	23.4	-35.7%	-7.1%

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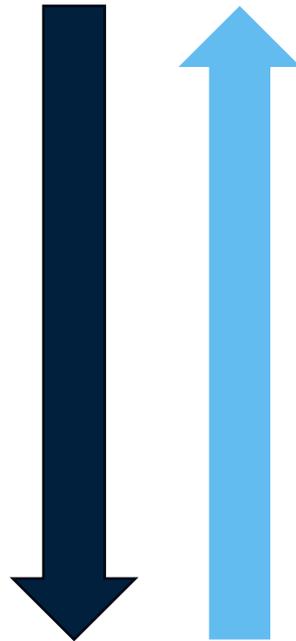
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Strategic planning focuses resources proactively.

by promoting naloxone saturation across key agencies on a statewide level, while simultaneously prioritizing local saturation at the county level based on need and readiness.

Top Down

Provide technical assistance to support statewide agencies to develop and implement policies to standardize naloxone distribution to people most likely to witness overdose.



Bottom Up

Provide technical assistance to support local communities to choose and implement naloxone distribution strategies focused on people most likely to witness overdose.



“...government agencies and community-based organizations must collaborate to distribute naloxone...”



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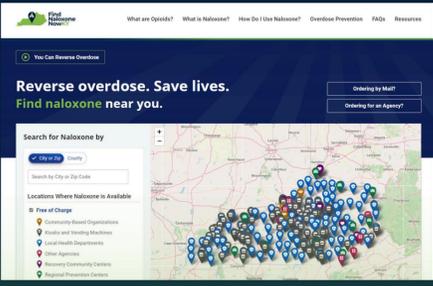
Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution





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Reverse overdose. Save lives.
Find naloxone near you.

For more information Contact the Kentucky Department for Public Health Harm Reduction Program at:
HarmReduction@ky.gov

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Naloxone Kiosks



Naloxone kiosks are publicly accessible outdoor boxes that are designed to distribute naloxone anonymously around-the-clock.

Naloxone Kiosks can be placed anywhere in your community where there is increased risk for overdose.

Unlike vending machines, these boxes are inexpensive, portable and can be placed outside.

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Naloxone Leave Behind



Naloxone leave behind is a collaboration between public health and public safety that allows First Responders to leave naloxone on-scene with patients and their support system.

First Responders who carry naloxone can distribute it to those who need it most.

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Quick Response Teams



Quick Response Teams (QRTs) follow up with people who have survived an overdose, offering naloxone and linkage to life-saving community support.



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Naloxone To GO



It's now easier than ever for hospitals and healthcare organizations to distribute naloxone directly to people that are likely to witness overdose.

Hand-to-hand opt-out distribution gets naloxone to where it's needed most.

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Peer-to-Peer or Secondary Naloxone Distribution



People who get naloxone from your program likely know other people who need it, too.

Secondary naloxone distribution means making sure trusted community members have enough naloxone to pass along to their peers.

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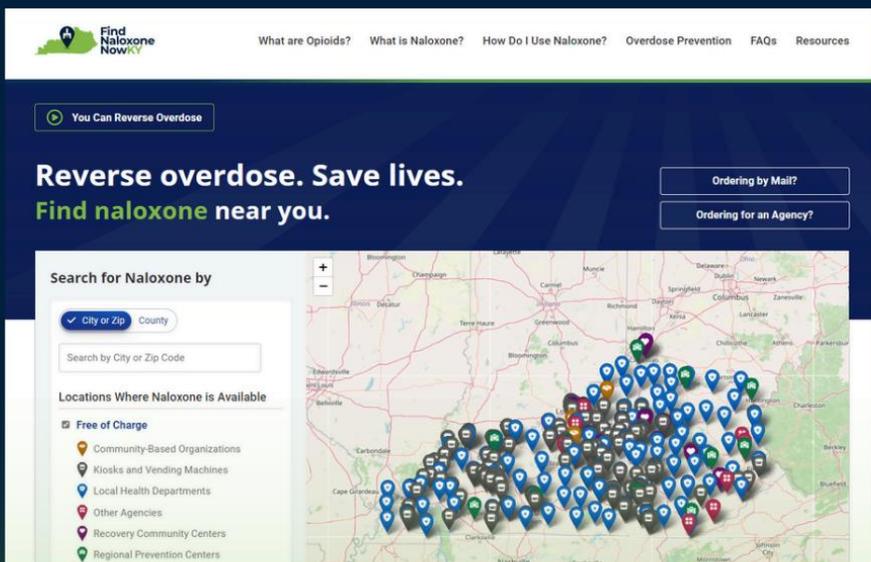
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Find Naloxone Now KY

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Find Naloxone Now KY' website. At the top left is the logo, and to its right is a navigation menu with links: 'What are Opioids?', 'What is Naloxone?', 'How Do I Use Naloxone?', 'Overdose Prevention', 'FAQs', and 'Resources'. Below the navigation is a dark blue banner with the text 'You Can Reverse Overdose' and a play button icon. The main headline reads 'Reverse overdose. Save lives. Find naloxone near you.' To the right of the headline are two buttons: 'Ordering by Mail?' and 'Ordering for an Organization?'. Below the banner is a search section titled 'Search for Naloxone by' with radio buttons for 'City or Zip' (selected) and 'County'. A search input field is labeled 'Search by City or Zip Code'. To the right of the search field is a map of Kentucky with a red circle highlighting a dense cluster of location pins in the central region. Below the search field is a section titled 'Locations Where Naloxone is Available' with a checked checkbox for 'Free of Charge'. A list of location types includes: Community-Based Organizations, Kiosks and Vending Machines, Local Health Departments, Other Agencies, Recovery Community Centers, and Regional Prevention Centers.



Ordering by Mail?

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Ordering for an Organization?



Do I need to be trained or certified to give naloxone?

There are no statutes in Kentucky that require training when over-the-counter (OTC) naloxone is dispensed to members of the general public.

- [KRS 217.186](#) outlines guidelines for pharmacists providing training in the use of naloxone and other opioid antagonists.
 - These guidelines DO NOT apply to agencies or community-based organizations that distribute naloxone.

How Do I Use Naloxone?

Find Naloxone Now KY

What are Opioids? What is Naloxone? **How Do I Use Naloxone?** Overdose Prevention FAQs Resources

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Locations Where Naloxone is Available

- Free of Charge
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Kiosks and Vending Machines
 - Local Health Departments
 - Other Agencies
 - Recovery Community Centers
 - Regional Prevention Centers



Overdose Response Training Materials

Click the [How do I Use Naloxone?](#) tab for overdose response training materials including:

- trifold brochures,
- palm cards,
- and a four-minute animated video.



Give Naloxone!

An overdose happens when someone takes too much of an opioid.

A person who has overdosed will be unable to wake up or talk to you.

Their breathing may be slow and shallow.

They may not be breathing at all.

Naloxone reverses overdose. Act quickly!

Peel Place Press

Peel back the foil and remove the nasal spray. **Place** the nozzle into their nostril. **Press** the plunger all the way in until it clicks.

Naloxone nasal spray takes 2-3 minutes to work!
Wait at least 2 minutes for a response before giving more. **CALL 911! Give rescue breaths while you wait.**

Find Naloxone NowKY
FindNaloxoneNowKY.org

The image shows three illustrations: a hand peeling back the foil of a nasal spray, a hand inserting the nozzle into a nostril, and a hand pressing the plunger.

Give Rescue Breaths!

A person who has overdosed may wake up after naloxone administration **or** they may remain unconscious.

If someone who received naloxone is breathing slowly, shallowly or not at all, **rescue breathing is essential.**

1. Place them on their back. Make sure nothing is their mouth.
2. Apply a barrier mask, if available. Tilt their head back, lift their chin and pinch their nose closed. This opens the airway.
3. **Give one breath slowly**, watching to see their chest rise.
4. Continue giving **one breath every five seconds.**
5. If they start to gurgle or breathe on their own, stop and roll them onto their side in recovery position.

Steps 1 - 2 **Steps 3 - 4** **Step 5**

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The image shows three illustrations: a person lying on their back with a mask, a person lying on their back with a mask and a hand pinching their nose, and a person lying on their side.

Kentucky's Good Samaritan Law: KRS 217.186

- [KRS 217.186](#) provides liability protection for people providing or administering an opioid antagonist in good faith during a suspected opioid overdose.

Kentucky's Good Samaritan Law: KR2 218A

- [KRS 218A](#) provides immunity for drug possession and use offenses when seeking medical assistance for overdoses. These protections do not apply to outstanding warrants, probation or parole violations, or other non-drug related crimes.
 - To activate these protections, the caller must tell the 911 dispatcher that they believe they are responding to an overdose

How Do I Prevent Overdose?

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Opioid Overdose Prevention

Risk Reduction Strategies For:

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| People Who Use Opioids Prescribed to Them | + |
| People Who Use Unregulated (Illicit) Opioids | + |
| People Who Use Any Unregulated (Illicit) Drugs | + |
| People Who May Respond to an Opioid Overdose | + |



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Find Naloxone Now KY: Printable Information

A zip folder containing printable versions of all this information can be found at the bottom of the [Find Naloxone Now KY](#) homepage.

How Do I Use Naloxone?

Carrying naloxone with you and learning how to give it is easy. Thank you for being ready to extend life when someone really needs your help.

[Naloxone Resources and Guides](#)

[Printable Information \[ZIP, 8.6MB\]](#)

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Naloxone



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What could a local campaign look like?



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- Healthcare Providers
- Other Agencies
- Residence Community Centers
- Support Prevention Centers

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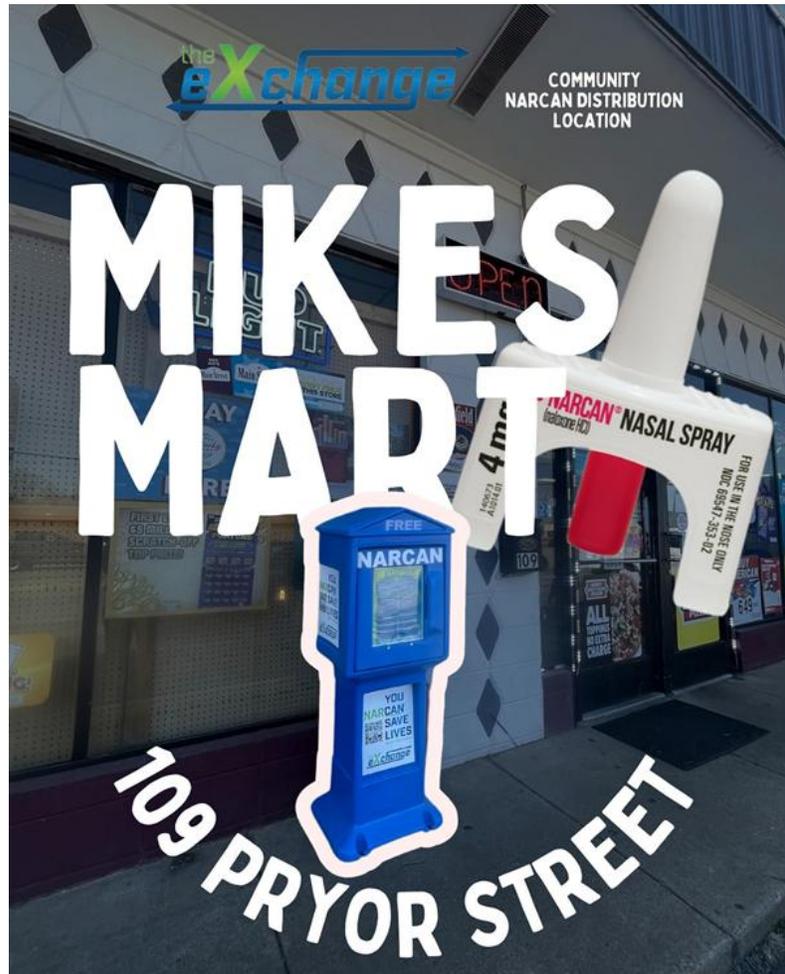
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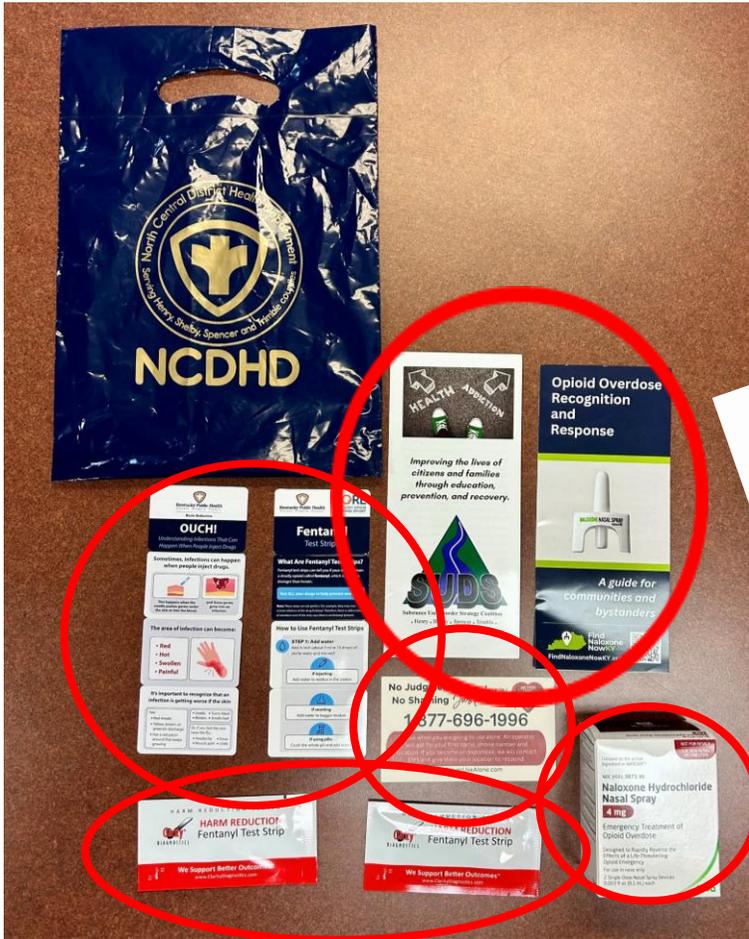
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GRAVES COUNTY
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ASAP

On this National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day, we're proud to announce the addition of a new Narcan box at Speed Wash on Farthing Accessible 24/7, this box is a vital resource in our community's fight against opioid overdoses. Together, we can save lives and raise awareness.

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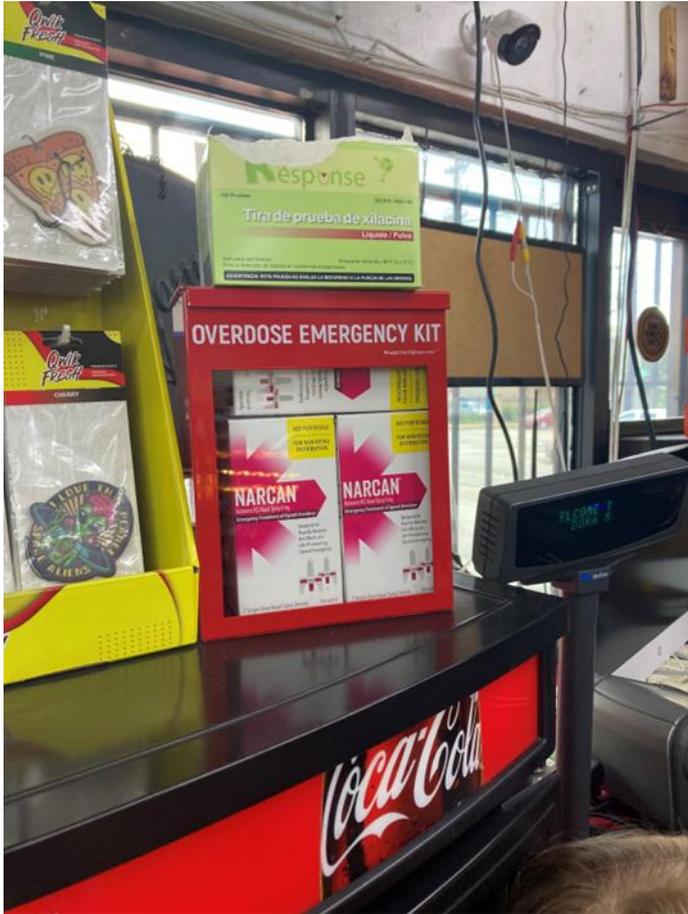


North Central District Health Department



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Naloxone kiosks can be inexpensive and creative.



Future Problem Solvers of Olive Hill KY



Naloxone kiosks are an allowable use of settlement funds.



\$50

\$300

\$450

Find Naloxone Now KY resources support Naloxone Kiosks.

How do I use naloxone?



Find Naloxone NowKY

Free Naloxone

Please take what you need!

Naloxone reverses opioid overdose!

Carrying naloxone with you and being ready to give it is easy!

Peel



Peel back the foil and remove the nasal spray.

Place



Gently insert the nozzle into their nostril.

Press



Press the plunger all the way in until it clicks.

Find more naloxone near you here:



[FindNaloxoneNowKY.org](https://findnaloxone.ky.gov/)



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Why should First Responders distribute naloxone?

**Because they work with
people who need it!**

- Most bystander overdose reversals occur in private residences.
- Placing naloxone kits in the hands of the friends and families of people at risk helps to ensure that overdoses are reversed as rapidly as possible.

Why should First Responders distribute naloxone? (continued)

- Non-fatal overdose is a significant risk factor for fatal opioid overdose
 - in the next 48 hours
 - and beyond.
- First Responder touch points are opportunities to offer life-saving naloxone!

How do First Responders identify people that need naloxone?

- People who use drugs are more likely than anyone else to witness an overdose.

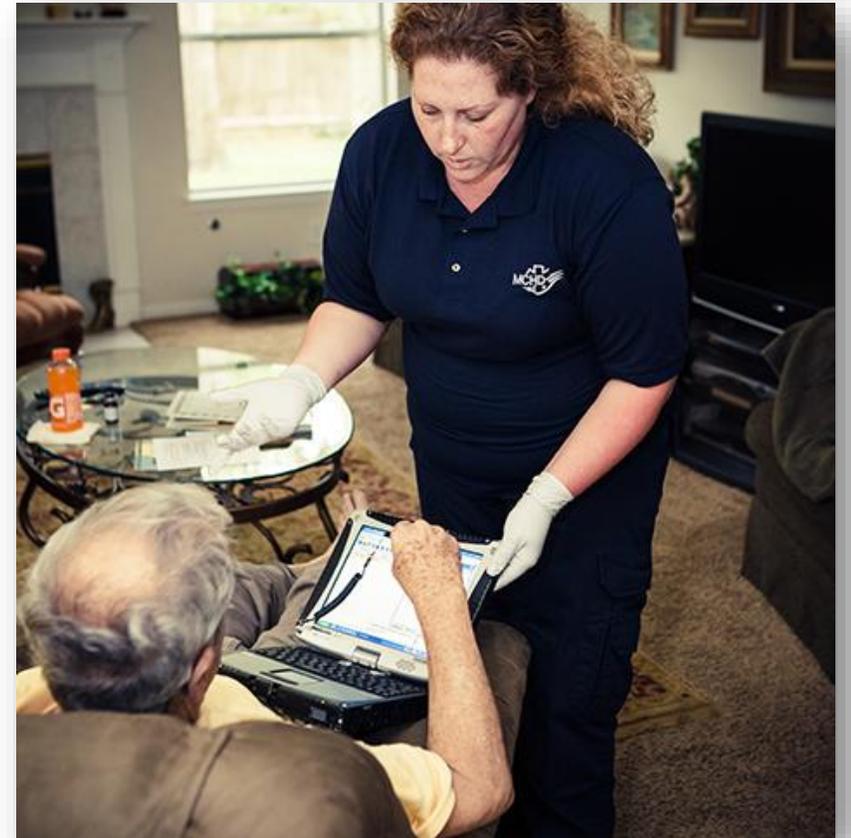
We encourage First Responders to offer naloxone to people who use drugs, their friends, and their families.

- Negotiate up! Offer multiple kits!

Treatment Refusals Are Common After Overdose

If someone refuses further care after an overdose, before you leave, First Responders can make sure that someone else on the scene

- ✓ has naloxone,
- ✓ knows how to use it,
- ✓ and can administer it, if needed.



JEMS – Journal of Emergency Medical Services

Leave Naloxone Behind



Whitley County Health Department

Local Health Departments and Community Based Organizations have historically led collaboration with First Responders to Leave Naloxone Behind.



Jessamine County Health Department



Whitley County Health Department



KBEMS Naloxone Leave Behind protocols are now in place.

Leave Behind Naloxone Protocol



INDICATION

- Any patient with known or suspected opioid overdose, history of opioid use, risk for opioid overdose, or person who requests opioid overdose antidote (naloxone) kit.
- Any EMS provider may use this protocol

The [Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services \(KBEMS\)](#) has recently published a new [Leave Behind Naloxone Protocol.](#)

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- As the drug supply changes, rescue breathing has become an increasingly important part of overdose response.
 - Make sure to emphasize rescue breathing in your conversations about naloxone.

Where does this naloxone come from?

The Kentucky Office of the Attorney General negotiated a settlement with Teva pharmaceuticals to provide more than 20,000 two-dose units of naloxone annually to first responders for Leave Behind programs.



The Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation responds to requests for this no-cost naloxone and ships the product directly to First Responder agencies.

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First Responder Naloxone Leave Behind Training

- is a low cost, high impact use of funds!
- Trainings can cover:
 - Naloxone Leave Behind protocols
 - evidence based overdose response
 - ODMAP
 - Quick Response Team referrals
 - SUD and mental health treatment referrals



Bring people to the meeting by providing food!

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QRTs model responses to substance use that support people at risk.



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Perry County QRT

QRTs in Kentucky need support

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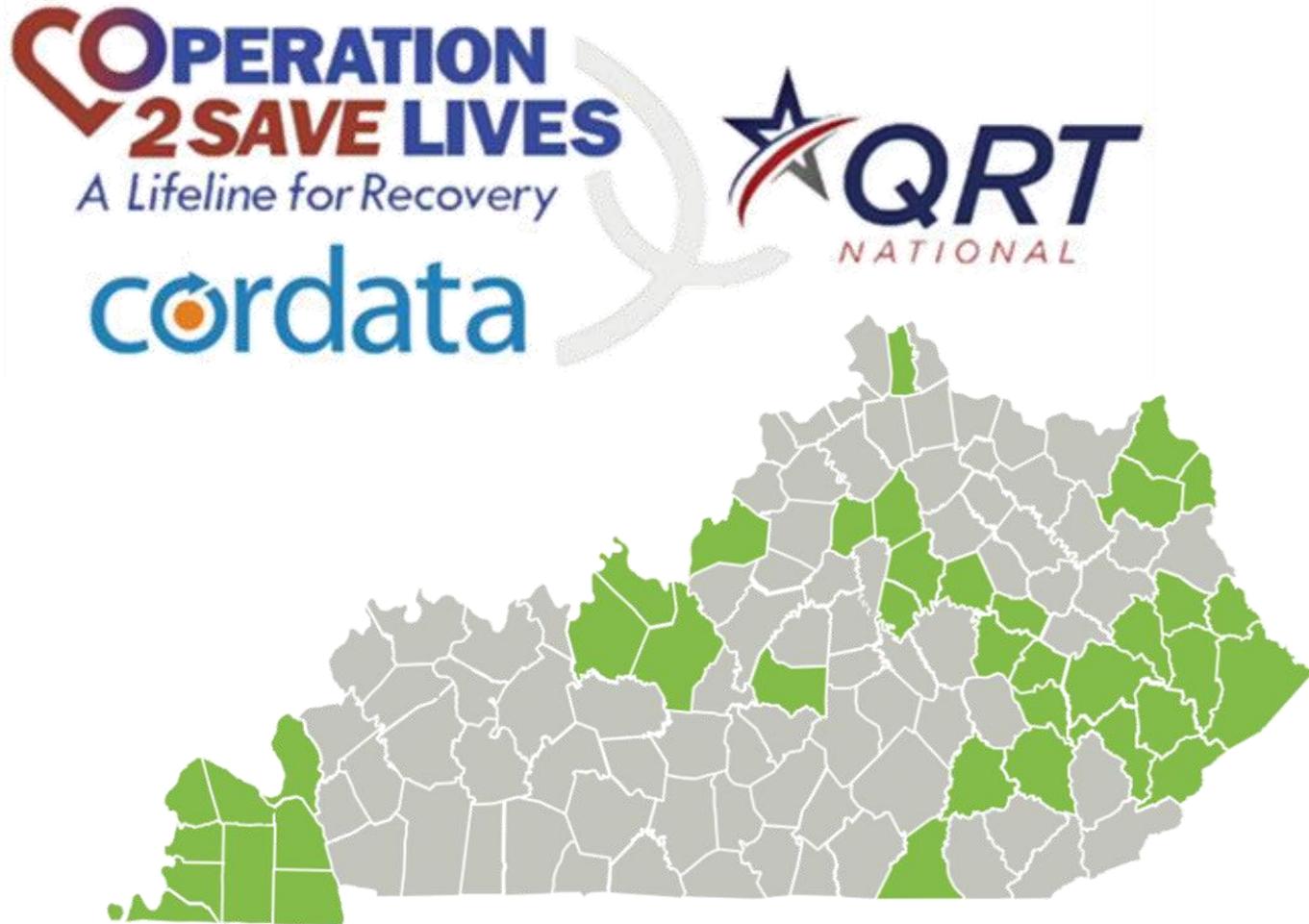
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Naloxone kits should be offered, without judgement, whenever you see any sign of substance use.

- Here, an opt-out, hand to hand approach is best.

***“Ok, we’ve got you ready to go.
Here’s a naloxone kit
and some information about using it.”***

- This direct handoff is always more effective than a written prescription.

KyPQC Naloxone To GO Pilot: The 5 Ps



1. Did any of your **Parents** have problems with alcohol or drug use?
2. Do any of your friends (**Peers**) have problems with alcohol or drug use?
3. Does your **Partner** have a problem with alcohol or drug use?
4. Before you were pregnant did you have problems with alcohol or drug use? (**Past**)
5. In the past month, did you drink beer, wine or liquor, or use other drugs? (**Pregnancy**)

KY-SOS ED Bridge Program Naloxone To GO Pilot

- Baptist Health-LaGrange
- Carroll County Hospital
- Med Center Health-Bowling Green
- Mercy Health-Marcum and Wallace
- Mercy Health-Lourdes
- Saint Joseph London
- Saint Joseph Mount Sterling
- Harrison Memorial Hospital
- Monroe County Medical Center



Peer Support Specialists in hospitals link people at risk for overdose to:



- addiction treatment and recovery resources
- mental health resources
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- and naloxone!



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Opioid overdose is the leading cause of death among people recently released from incarceration.



Whitley County Health Department

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Call 606-549-3380, 8 am to 4 pm

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- Vaccines
- Free confidential testing for HIV, Hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted infections
- Narcan and overdose prevention
- Safe disposal of used needles
- Clean needles
- Treatment referrals and connection to services
- Education

Never Use Alone: 1-800-484-3731

Treatment Help: Findhelpnowky.org or 1-833-8KY-HELP

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Wadell et al., 2020

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Emergent BioSolutions



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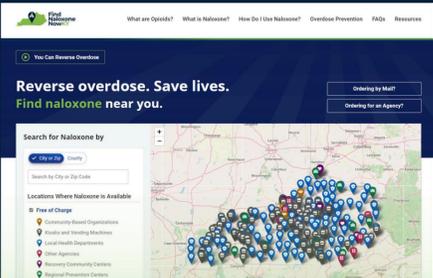
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- **Who is a peer?**
 - *A peer is anyone who knows someone likely to witness an overdose.*
 - » Peers may be people who use drugs, their friends, roommates or family members. These are the people most likely to witness overdose.
 - *A peer is a community member.*
 - » Ensuring that naloxone is available in these communities is crucial to preventing overdose deaths.

People who use drugs face barriers when accessing support services and naloxone distribution programs:

- transportation
- lack of community representation
- limited hours
- medical mistrust
- fear of being recognized
- fear of law enforcement
- stigma
- fear of surveillance

Peers overcome these barriers to become Naloxone Champions.

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Talk Social Justice

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These participants might say things like:

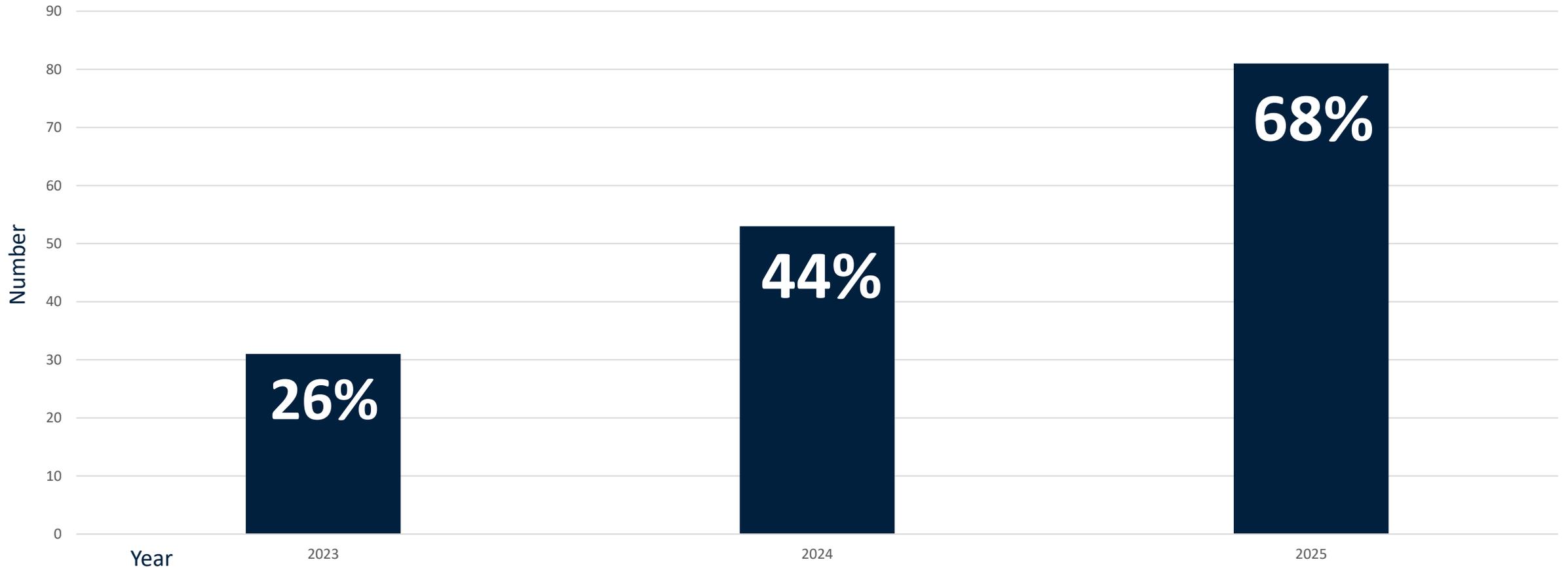
- “Everyone in my building knows I always have it (naloxone).”
- “I don’t use opioids, but I know people who do.”
- “I’m going to take this (naloxone) back to the camp.”
- “A lot of my friends think this place is a setup. Can I bring some (naloxone) to them?”

Negotiate up!

When you recognize a peer, ask:

- “How many kits do you need?”
- “Do you know other people who need naloxone?”
- “You can help us make sure everyone has as much naloxone as they need. Can you help distribute a box of 12 kits?”

Local Health Departments Offering Secondary Naloxone Distribution, 2023-2025



Data Source: Annual KDPH Harm Reduction Needs Assessment

Naloxone peer distributors are professionals.

Opioid Abatement Funds can make sure they are paid accordingly.



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Looking forward

Naloxone Saturation

Top Down

Statewide agencies will standardize naloxone distribution to people most likely to witness overdose.

This will increase local acceptance of carrying naloxone and being ready to reverse an overdose.



Bottom Up

Local communities will strategically distribute naloxone to people most likely to witness overdose.

Local successes and challenges will further inform our strategic approach to statewide naloxone saturation.

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Questions?

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