

Washington State Department of Health Naloxone Distribution Program FAQs

Is the program free? Yes!

Are there reporting requirements? Yes! We will need to find out on a monthly basis: 1) How many naloxone kits your agency distributes, and 2) How many individuals you have trained on overdose prevention and naloxone administration. There will also be a short survey (6-7 questions, nothing uniquely identifying) that you will need to conduct every time you distribute a naloxone kit to an individual. It will be in a Survey Monkey format, which will allow you to conduct the survey in real time (it can be done on a cell phone!), or write the answers down for entry later. The survey questions, along with the two questions above, will be due by the 5th of every month for the previous month.

What kind of naloxone will you be distributing? We will be offering both nasal spray and injection form, with needed supplies included for those that receive injection (e.g., syringes, amber bags). We realize that some organizations will prefer one over the other, and we will do our best to accommodate such requests; however, we *are* grant-funded, and injection kits cost substantially less than nasal ones, so there is the possibility that we might only be able to offer injection kits at some point.

Will overdose prevention training be provided if necessary? Yes! If needed, we will do our best to provide an in-person training (if possible), but we might have to use a video conference training in some cases. Our goal is to “train your trainer”, so that in the future, your staff and volunteers will feel comfortable providing ongoing trainings, and we will always be available to assist with technical help, current information on overdose trends, and other materials.

Our agency doesn’t have a medical provider on site, but we would like to receive naloxone to keep on hand in case someone overdoses on our property. How would we go about this? In order to receive naloxone from our program for this purpose, you must have a licensed medical provider from WA State approve your request by filling out the “Ship To Verification” form. It doesn’t have to be an on-site provider, so if you have a working relationship with one in your area, please contact them to see if they would be willing to help you. If you are still unable to locate a provider, let us know and we can look at it further. **Please note- At this time, we are prioritizing agencies that want to create a distribution program, not agencies that would like naloxone for their own use.** If you would like more information on how to find naloxone kits for your agency, please let us know!

Our agency would like to set up a naloxone distribution program for our participants, but we don’t have a medical provider on site- what do we do? In order to receive naloxone from our program and distribute it at your agency -- and you don’t have a provider on-site -- you would need to either fall under an existing “standing order” to distribute naloxone, or have a licensed WA State provider write one for you. A standing order is a signed agreement between your agency and a provider (it can be an off-site one, as in the case above) which describes who will be distributing the naloxone, what training will be involved, what type of naloxone you will distribute, and also the time frame for the order to be in effect. If you have questions about this, http://stopoverdose.org/section_type/professional/ is a good link to reference. We can provide you with examples of existing standing orders as well to give you an idea as to what is required.

If we’re approved for the program, how will we receive the naloxone? We will make arrangements for the naloxone to be shipped directly to the address and contact person you provided on your request

form. At this time, we anticipate shipping roughly every 3 months, though that may vary depending on your volume.

Will you continue to take requests after the March 31st “priority deadline”? Yes! Though again, we are grant-funded, so resources will predictably decrease as we move towards the end of the fiscal year. Our best advice is to submit your request at your earliest possible convenience.