

Training of Naloxone Administration by (School) Nurses:

A school nurse, as defined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, may be trained by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (aka "the Department") approved trainers for the purpose of providing training for unlicensed individuals to administer naloxone by nasal administration or by auto injector in a life-threatening situation when first responders are not immediately available.

Department planning and implementation:

- (1) The Department approves policies, curriculum and procedures for training.
- (2) In consultation with the prescribing physician, designated school nurses, including "approved trainers" are trained and tested for competency in accordance with standards and a curriculum established by the Department.
- (3) Approved trainers arrange for trainings of school nurses in local communities, in accordance with standards and curriculum established by the Department.
- (4) The school nurse will document the training and testing of competency, in accordance with standards and curriculum established by the Department.
- (5) The training, at a minimum, will include:
 - (a) Procedures for risk reduction;
 - (b) Recognition of the symptoms in an individual with an opiate overdose;
 - (c) The importance of following the prescribed method of medication administration;
 - (d) Proper use of both the nasal inhaler method and by auto-injector;
 - (e) The requirement to call local emergency services prior to administration, and
 - (f) Requirements for proper storage and security, notification of appropriate persons following administration, and record keeping.
- (6) The nurse shall maintain and make available upon request by the Department a list of all unlicensed individuals trained to administer naloxone by nasal administration or auto injector.
- (7) All trainings in the administration of naloxone will be done in accordance with prescribed methods.
- (8) Priorities for trainings will be in communities where individuals most at risk have been identified.
- (9) School nurses will contact local coalitions in their communities of the availability of these trainings.
- (10) School nurses will submit a report to the Department of Public Health School Health Unit each time training of naloxone administration is completed.
- (11) All other medication administration procedures will hold forth including:
 - (a) reporting of any medication errors per 105 CMR 210.00
 - (b) proper disposal of a used naloxone administration delivery system

