

## JPS District Naloxone Policy

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilization of Naloxone administered by members of the Johnston School Department.

### II. POLICY

Per RIGL 16-21-35 (2015-S 0154A, 2015-H 5047A), it is the policy of the Johnston School Department that Johnston Senior High School and Ferri Middle School shall provide and maintain opioid antagonists on-site in each facility. To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained nurse-teacher may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student, staff, or visitor suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

No school nurse-teacher shall be liable for civil damages which may result from acts of omissions relating to the use of the opioid antagonist which may constitute ordinary negligence; nor shall the school personnel be subject to criminal prosecution which may result from acts or omissions in the good faith administration of an opioid antagonist. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct. No school nurse-teacher shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

### III. TRAINING

School nurse-teachers shall be trained in the use of naloxone by the RI Department of Health (RI DOH), the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC); or a designee. Other staff, including coaches, guidance counselors, custodians, and teachers, are encouraged to also be trained.

### IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

- a. The certified school nurse teacher, or designee, will be responsible for the procurement of naloxone. The school physician shall prepare standing orders.
- b. The RI Department of Health (RI DOH) recommends that schools provide intranasal naloxone. At minimum, Ferri Middle School and Johnston Senior High School should have the following supplies:

ITEM	MANUFACTURER	QUANTITY
Naloxone (2mg/2ml Leur-Jet Leur-lock pre-filled syringe)	Amphastar	2
MAD nasal atomizer	Teleflex	2
Nitrile gloves, pair	Various	2
Mask/barrier device	Various	1
Step by step instructions	Various	1

Adopted: Johnston School Committee  
April 25, 2016

## V. STORAGE

- a. Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse-teacher. The school nurse-teacher will ensure that all other relevant staff are aware of the naloxone storage location.
- b. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.
- c. Inspections of the naloxone shall be conducted regularly.
  - Check the expiration date found on either box or vial;
  - Check condition of mucosal atomization devices (considered sterile for approximately 4-5 years).

## VI. USE OF NALOXONE

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, school nurse-teachers or other trained staff shall follow the protocols outlined in the naloxone training and the instructions in the naloxone kit:

- Call 911
- Administer rescue breathing
- Prepare and administer naloxone
- Alert the school crisis response team
- Continue rescue breathing
- Give another dose of naloxone in 3 minutes if no response or minimal breathing or responsiveness
- Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes, which necessitates definitive medical care
- Comfort victim; withdrawal can be unpleasant
- Encourage survivors to seek treatment

## VII. FOLLOW-UP

- a. After administration of naloxone, the school nurse-teacher, or other staff, will follow the Johnston School Department reporting protocols.
- b. The school nurse-teacher or other staff will:
  - Ensure that the overdose victim was transported to the emergency department
  - Notify appropriate student services
  - Provide substance abuse prevention resources to the overdose victim and family, as appropriate

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