

JOHNSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NALOXONE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

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

II. POLICY

Per RIGL § 16-21-35, it is the policy of the Johnston School Department that all public middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools, shall provide and maintain on-site in each school facility a supply of naloxone.

To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained school nurse-teacher may administer naloxone during an emergency, to any student or staff 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 naloxone 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 naloxone. 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 naloxone.

III. TRAINING

- a. School nurse-teachers shall be trained in the use of naloxone by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC); or a designee. School departments are encouraged to send other staff to be trained, including coaches, guidance counselors, custodians, teachers, etc.

IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

- a. The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse-teacher, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of naloxone. The school physician shall prepare standing orders and update annually.
- b. RIDOH recommends that schools provide intranasal naloxone. At minimum, each school should have the following supplies:

Naloxone HCL 4mg/0.1ml Nasal Spray	ADAPT	2
Nitrile gloves, pair	Various	1
Mask/barrier device	Various	1
Step by step instructions	Various	1

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. Inspection of naloxone shall be conducted regularly-check the expiration date found on box.

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:

- 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
- Provide comfort as needed; 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.