

NALOXONE EDUCATION OVERVIEW AND RESOURCES

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Via email dated 1/26/21 from Apple Martine

Thank you for inquiring about this important topic and ways to mount response, within the schools, to the potential for opioid overdose. Naloxone's reversing effects are a key component to swift response and positive results when needed.

Having Naloxone on hand, knowing how to use it, and helping reduce the stigma about substance use are all parts to the equation. With the right encouragement and information, your school community can mount this response effectively. We at Public Health are in full support of deploying Naloxone within the schools.

Due to COVID responsibilities by our nurses in charge of Naloxone distribution within our Clinic Services, they will not be able to provide in-person training at this time. They have however endorsed a website and training videos for you to consider using – these videos were offered to our entire staff at Public Health, including many non-medical personnel.

- The website is: www.stopoverdose.org (Please find some of their pamphlets and FAQs attached included in this PDF for your convenience.)
- Training video with demonstration provided by University of Washington at: <https://stopoverdose.org/videos/WAodPrev.mp4>
- Training video with demonstration provided by WA Department of Health at: <https://vimeo.com/357020563>

Any of these resources would be considered sufficient for training your staff. Also, I have discussed this with Susan O'Brien, Nurse Practitioner at Chimacum School Based Health Center, and she would be willing to answer questions and/or support your staff, if you felt it necessary, regarding the use of Naloxone as she is a clinical resource with expertise that you have onsite and available to you.

Via email dated 1/21/21 from Denise Banker:

Recently the Chimacum School Board approved a policy to keep and administer Naloxone in the district, should the need arise. This action is in keeping with SSB 5380, which was approved in Legislative Session 2019 and signed into law by Governor Inslee in May of 2019.

The law requires school districts with two thousand students or more to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses in each of its high schools. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, for the purpose of assisting a person at risk of experiencing and opioid-related overdose, a high school may obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication through a standing order prescribed and dispensed in accordance with RCW 69.41.095.

The Jefferson County school districts opted to abide by this action in keeping with their dedication to community health and wellness. Port Townsend School Board approved the policy late last winter (2020). At that time, the health department committed to providing a 'how to use' training for selected staff at the Port Townsend High School.