

## **Hermon School Department**

### **NALOXONE POLICY**

#### **Purpose**

It is the intent of Hermon School Department to prevent opioid-related deaths on school premises. Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. Naloxone has no potential for abuse and is a non-narcotic and non-addicting prescription medication.

It is the policy of the Hermon School Department that all schools stock naloxone as an opioid antagonist to treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting. Any person trained may administer naloxone to any person suspected of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

#### **Authority**

On June 8, 2021, LD 772 An Act to Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools was signed into [law](#), which provides for the administration of naloxone hydrochloride in a noninjectable form to students, school staff and school visitors through collaborative practice agreements between physicians licensed in this State or school health advisors and public and private school nurse. Prior to that, in response to Executive Order No. 2 *An Order to Implement Immediate Responses to Maine's Opioid Epidemic*, from the Governor of Maine, the Director of Opioid Response had encouraged all middle school and high schools in Maine to make naloxone readily available to anyone who may be experiencing opioid overdose.

*Title 20-A Chapter 201 §4009: any non-licensed agent or employee of a school or school administrative unit who renders first aid, emergency treatment or rescue assistance to a student during a school program may not be held liable for injuries alleged to have been sustained by that student or for the death of that student alleged to have occurred as a result of an act or omission in rendering such aid, treatment, or assistance.*

#### **Permissions**

The superintendent or designee shall maintain a current standing medical order from the school medical advisor that prescribes naloxone for use by a school nurse or other licensed health care professional whose scope of practice includes administration of naloxone or trained school personnel with a collaborative practice agreement is in place to assist any individual suspected of experiencing an opioid related overdose on school grounds. A school nurse or other licensed health care professional whose scope of practice includes administration of naloxone or trained school personnel if a collaborative practice agreement is in place may carry and administer naloxone on school grounds with a standing order from the school health advisor.

## **Procurement of Naloxone**

The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of naloxone. The school medical advisor shall prepare standing orders.

## **Storage**

Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an unlocked storage cabinet in each nurse's office and all AED stations. The school nurse will ensure that all other trained staff are aware of the naloxone storage location. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat and direct sunlight.

## **Use of Naloxone**

Follow the protocol for the administration of naloxone for suspected opioid overdose.

Although the School Committee authorizes the acquisition of Naloxone, it cannot and does not guarantee that Naloxone or a person trained in its use will be available at any particular school site or school-sponsored event.

## **Follow Up**

After administration of naloxone, the person administering naloxone will follow Hermon School District policy JLCE for incident reporting.

Subsequently, all incidents requiring the use of naloxone administration will be investigated by school administration and appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Students who are found to have violated the Drug and Alcohol Use by Students (JICH) will be subject to the Disciplinary Action, Prevention Education, and Intervention as outlined. In addition, students will also be subject to the consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct (JIC).

Additionally, faculty and staff found in violation of a drug free workplace will be subject to Policy GBEC.

## **Cross Reference**

- JLCD Administration of Medication to Students
- JLCE First Aid / Emergency Care
- JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
- JIC Student Code of Conduct
- GBEC Drug-Free Workplace