

**Take-Home Naloxone Program: Distribution Site Criteria**

Naloxone is a safe and effective opioid agonist that reverses overdose causes by opioid drugs. Naloxone has been in the control of health care professionals for decades, yet overdose remains a significant problem. There is strong evidence that with training and take-home naloxone kits, people at risk of opioid overdose and family and friends of people at risk of opioid overdose can effectively reverse overdose where and when it happens. Free take-home naloxone kits are available from Manitoba Health, Seniors, and Active Living (MHSAL) to distribution sites according to the following criteria.

**Distribution Site Criteria**

In order to be eligible to distribute free take-home-naloxone kits provided by MHSAL to people at risk of opioid overdose and family and friends of people who are at risk of opioid overdose, the following site criteria must be met.

1. Take-home naloxone kits must be provided by a regulated health care professional including: a Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Physician and Pharmacist, or a Paramedic. Health professionals who provide the take-home naloxone kits are responsible for undertaking a focused health history, and confirming adequate knowledge uptake from the training with the client/lay responder. However, training on overdose recognition and response may be provided by support staff (including trained volunteers, peers/people who use drugs, families and friends of those people who use drugs and outreach staff) who have been adequately prepared to deliver this training. A [Training Manual on Overdose Recognition and Response](https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mh/overdose/providers.html) is available at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mh/overdose/providers.html>
2. Training of lay responders should include:
  - Factors that can increase or decrease risk of overdose
  - How to recognize an overdose; including depressant and stimulant overdoses
  - How to respond to an overdose including:
    - How to perform rescue breathing
    - how to put someone in the recovery position
    - how to communicate with 911 and why it is important to call 911
    - how to prepare and administer naloxone
    - how and when to evaluate and support
3. The naloxone kits are provided to distribution sites at no cost, however, the human resources involved in distribution must be provided in-kind. The site must provide take-home-naloxone kits at no cost to







## Take-Home Naloxone Kit Distribution Site Agreement

Naloxone Kit Distribution Site Information for the Public	
Site Name	
Site Address	
Site Operating Hours	Accepting Walk-In for Naloxone Kits? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other details of service (for the public)	Site Phone (for the public)
Site Lead and Clinic Information (for MHSAL only)	
Site Lead Name	Client ID# (Panorama Holding Point)
Email	
Phone	Fax

**A valid Client ID/Panorama Holding Point number is required for registration.** If site does not have a Client ID in Panorama (used for vaccine ordering) a New Provider Application Form must be filled and submitted to MHSAL. The form can be found at the following address: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/npaf.pdf>

If you would like your take-home naloxone kit distribution site to be entered on the interactive map at [www.streetconnections.ca](http://www.streetconnections.ca) please email: [outreach@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:outreach@wrha.mb.ca) and provide the name, address, phone number, and hours of service for your naloxone program.

**This naloxone distribution site agrees to the conditions set out by Population and Public Health, MHSAL, Take-Home Naloxone Distribution Site Criteria.**

Site Lead signature	Date (dd -Mon-yyyy)
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**Forward attention to: Provincial Take-Home Naloxone Program, Population and Public Health, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living** Email: [naloxonekits@gov.mb.ca](mailto:naloxonekits@gov.mb.ca)

## Naloxone Kit Ordering from Manitoba's Provincial Distribution Warehouse

To receive naloxone kits, sites must be registered in the program as a naloxone kit distribution site. For naloxone distribution site criteria, visit the MSHAL [Drug Overdose Page for Service Providers](#).

Naloxone kits are funded by Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living for distribution to people who are at risk of opioid overdose, including family and friends of those people who are at risk of opioid overdose, as per the take-home naloxone kit distribution site criteria (See <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mh/overdose/providers.html>). Naloxone kits for administration by health care providers are not funded through this program.

### General notes about supplies

- Always use oldest supply first to prevent product expiry. Naloxone kits should be stored between 15 and 30°C
- Naloxone has a shelf life of approximately 2 years. Check the expiry of each kit before providing to clients.
- Naloxone kits within 3 months of expiry **should not be provided** to clients. Please do not return expired kits to the Provincial Distribution Warehouse. Remove and discard the expired naloxone ampoules from the kit as per your facilities protocol. Repurpose the remaining supplies as you see fit.
- Naloxone kits have a lot number stickered on the outer case that refers to the assembly of the kit by the supplier. This lot number will be different than the medication lot number on the ampoules of naloxone.
- For each naloxone kit ordered/received, the following training supplies will be provided: 1 water ampoule, 1 ampoule breaker, 1 Vanish Point© syringe.\*Water ampoules = 0.5ml or 1.0 ml ampoules (depending on stock availability).

### How much to order

- Sites are encouraged to order enough kits for 2-3 months and if possible to avoid ordering during the coldest months of the year when ambient shipping is difficult.
- Typical order size for regular sites is 20 kits maximum, larger sites 50 kits maximum. Kits can only be ordered in multiples of 5.
- MHSAL will follow up with sites placing unusually large orders, or unapproved sites attempting to order. Ordering volumes can be adjusted based on site needs.

### Ordering and receiving supplies from the Provincial Distribution Warehouse

- After hours, emergency supply access is not available for naloxone kits
- To avoid disruption of services, please plan ahead to ensure sufficient stock on hand for the next month
- Delivery time is approximately 3 business days in Winnipeg and 4 business days for rural from the date of order approval
- Order cut off is 3pm daily, after which the order is considered submitted the next working day
- Please check your order on receipt to ensure you received the correct quantities and supplies in good condition. If you notice discrepancies, please call the Provincial Distribution Warehouse at **204-948-1333 or Toll-Free: 855-683-3306**

### FOR RURAL DELIVERIES ONLY:

- The facility/site must call the Provincial Distribution Warehouse when the shipment is received and let the warehouse know if the monitor was flashing green (OK) or red (alert). If flashing red, product is to be held until the warehouse calls to release it.

- **Packaging and monitor must be returned to the Provincial Distribution Warehouse. A charge of \$150 may result if it is not returned.**

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- If you experience a situation where the naloxone has been exposed to temperatures outside the range/s prescribed for storage and or transport please contact the manufacturer below:

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