



**Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone
Virginia Department of Health
109 Governor Street, 13th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219**

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The persons identified below are authorized to dispense and administer naloxone pursuant to this standing order and in accordance with protocols by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health. Additionally, this standing order authorizes a licensed pharmacy, wholesale distributor, third party logistics provider or manufacturer to distribute the naloxone formulations specified below via invoice to entities designated by this standing order in accordance with Virginia Board of Pharmacy Guidance Document §110-44.

Authorized Dispensers:

The following individuals may dispense and administer naloxone pursuant to this standing order to a person to administer to another person believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose and shall follow Board of Pharmacy protocol when dispensing naloxone as authorized in §54.1-3408 (X) and (Y):

- Pharmacists who maintain a current active license practicing in a pharmacy located in Virginia that maintains a current active pharmacy permit,
- Emergency medical services personnel as defined in §32.1-111.1,
- The following individuals who have completed a training program in accordance with the policies and procedures of their employer or governing entity:
 - Law-enforcement officers as defined in §9.1-101,
 - Employees of the Department of Forensic Science,
 - Employees of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,
 - Employees of the Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services,
 - Employees of the Department of Corrections designated as probation and parole officers or as correctional officers as defined in §53.1-1,
 - Employees of regional jails,
 - School nurses,
 - Other school board employees, or individuals contracted by a school board to provide school health services,
 - Firefighters,
 - Employees of local health departments and contractors or Medical Reserve Corps volunteers acting on behalf of the local health department,
 - Employees of local community services boards,
 - Persons acting on behalf of a community based organization (CBO), harm reduction site, or other site to provide naloxone pursuant to an agreement approved by the Department of Health, and
 - Individuals acting on behalf of the American Red Cross of Virginia as a Disaster Health Services volunteer.

This order is effective for two (2) years from the date issued, unless otherwise discontinued by the Commissioner or upon his resignation, removal or retirement. Any individual dispensing naloxone pursuant to this order must maintain a copy of the standing order for two (2) years from the last date of dispensing.

Please call the Office of the Commissioner at (804) 864-7001 with questions about this standing order. Please call the Board of Pharmacy at (804) 367-4456 with questions about the dispensing protocol. For questions about the REVIVE! Training program, please call the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services at (804) 786-0464.

Approved Options for Intranasal, Auto-Injector or Injectable Administration:

Intranasal	Auto-injector*	Intranasal	Intranasal	Injection**
<p>Naloxone 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe, #2 syringes</p> <p>Directions: Spray one-half of the syringe into each nostril upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.</p> <p>Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD)</p> <p>Directions: Use one auto-injector upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.</p>	<p>Naloxone 2mg #1 twin pack auto-injector*</p> <p>Directions: Use one auto-injector upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.</p>	<p>Naloxone Nasal Spray 4mg, #1 twin pack</p> <p>Directions: Administer a single spray intranasally into one nostril. Administer additional doses using a new nasal spray with each dose, if the patient does not respond or relapses into respiratory depression. Call 911. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.</p>	<p>Naloxone nasal spray, 8mg, #1 twin pack</p> <p>Directions: Administer a single spray intranasally into one nostril upon signs of opioid overdose. Administer additional dose in other nostril using a new nasal spray with each dose, if patient does not respond or relapses into respiratory depression. Call 911. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.</p>	<p>Naloxone 0.4mg/ml #2 single-use 1mL vials</p> <p>Directions: inject 1 mL in shoulder or thigh muscle upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. Repeat after 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response.</p> <p>Must dispense with 2 single-use 1 mL vials, 2 (3 ml) syringes and 2 (23-25 gauge) hypodermic needles and instructions for administration.</p> <p>Directions: Use as directed for naloxone administration.</p>

*Persons dispensing naloxone auto-injector formulations shall follow the Board of Pharmacy’s protocol for the naloxone auto-injector formulations provided in the Board of Pharmacy’s Guidance Document 110-44.

**Only those DBHDS-approved trainers who have successfully completed DBHDS-approved training on proper drug administration with, and disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes, who are otherwise authorized to dispense injectable naloxone through a standing order issued in compliance with this protocol, and whose organizations has first obtained a controlled substances registration from the Board of Pharmacy may dispense injectable naloxone with hypodermic needles and syringes.

May refill as long as order remains effective.

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