

Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone

Virginia Department of Health
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The persons identified below are authorized to dispense naloxone pursuant to this standing order and in accordance with protocols developed 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.

This order supersedes the orders issued by the State Health Commissioner on April 13, 2018 and March 19, 2020.

Authorized Dispensers:

The following individuals may dispense 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, and
- Emergency medical services personnel as defined in § 32.1-111.1

And 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 harm reduction site 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 or Auto-Injector Administration:

Intranasal	Auto-injector	Intranasal	Intranasal	Injection* (Pharmacists Only)
<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) # 2</p> <p>Directions: Use as directed for naloxone administration.</p> <p>Must dispense with 2 prefilled syringes and 2 atomizers and instructions for administration.</p>	<p>Naloxone 2 mg #1 twin pack</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 patient does not respond or responds and then 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 responds and then 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 1ml in shoulder or thigh upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. Repeat after 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response.</p> <p>#2 (3ml) syringe with 23-25 gauge 1-1.5 inch IM needles</p> <p>Directions: Use as directed for naloxone administration.</p> <p>Must dispense with 2 single-use 1ml vials, 2 (3ml) syringes and 2 (23-25 gauge) hypodermic needles and instructions for administration.</p>

*** Except for pharmacists, persons authorized to dispense under this standing order shall only dispense formulations for intranasal administration or an auto-injector formulation.**

May refill as long as order remains effective.

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