

Policy: JLCDB - Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

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Naloxone hydrochloride, commonly known as Narcan or Evzio, is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, naloxone hydrochloride blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. Naloxone hydrochloride has no potential for abuse and is a non-narcotic and non-addiction prescription medication.

It is the policy of the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences that naloxone hydrochloride be available for administration to any person in the event of a suspected opioid overdose during school, school field trips, or other school related activities.

The Head of School shall be authorized to obtain a standing order for naloxone hydrochloride in nasal spray form for MeANS from an authorized health care professional or pharmacist.

MeANS will provide training in the use of naloxone hydrochloride to all school employees. Before any school employee may administer naloxone hydrochloride, s/he must have completed a training program recognizing suspected overdose, the protocol for responding to a suspected overdose, the administration of naloxone hydrochloride, and follow-up reporting requirements.

Naloxone hydrochloride will be clearly marked and stored in an unlocked storage cabinet in the school building. Naloxone hydrochloride will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.

Precautions will be taken for naloxone hydrochloride inventory and safe keeping (such as being kept in an alarmed cabinet). Trained employees may carry naloxone hydrochloride with them for off-campus school and school related activities.

After administering naloxone hydrochloride, the person administering the medication will follow the training and school policies for incident reporting.

Although the Board authorizes the acquisition of naloxone hydrochloride, it cannot and does not guarantee that a person trained in its use will be available at all times.

Authority

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.

Legal Reference:

- Governor's Act To Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools, June 8, 2021
- Title 20-A MRSA 6307
- Title 20-A Chapter 201 §4009