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**PURPOSE**

The Naloxone, Fentanyl Test Strips, and Naloxone Box Policy (“Policy”) aims to increase knowledge of harm reduction strategies in the University of Cincinnati (“UC”) community through training on the use and distribution of naloxone and fentanyl test strips and aims to increase access to naloxone through the installation of NaloxBoxes on UC’s campus.

All participation in the distribution and/or the administration of naloxone by employees, students, or the general public is strictly voluntary.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Naloxone.** A Food and Drug Administration approved opioid overdose reversal medicine. Brand name Narcan, this medication can be administered as a nasal spray by a properly trained, non-medical person and distributed outside of a medical setting.

**Fentanyl Test Strip.** Strips of paper designed to detect the presence of the opioid drug fentanyl in different drug samples prior to use. These can be used by a trained, non-medical person and distributed outside of a medical setting.

**NaloxBox.** Durable, transparent, polycarbonate units that are permanently mounted in a central accessible location. The units house naloxone.

**Intranasal naloxone.** Narcan Nasal Spray, Food and Drug Administration approved nasal form of naloxone for emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose.

**Opioid.** Natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic chemicals that interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the body and brain and reduce the intensity of pain signals and feelings of pain. This class of drugs includes heroin, fentanyl, and pain medications available by prescription. An overdose of this class of drug leads to repression of the central nervous system which can result in death.

**Opioid Overdose.** Occurs when an individual has consumed too much of an opioid class drug that leads to central nervous system repression and failure, including trouble or cessation of breathing, low blood pressure, disorientation, skin discoloration, and/or loss of consciousness.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE: DISTRIBUTION OF NALOXONE AND FENTANYL TEST STRIPS**

The Division of Student Affairs Student Wellness Center will distribute naloxone and fentanyl test strips to employees and students who have completed a one-hour training provided by the Student Wellness Center.

### ***Training:***

The Student Wellness Center will provide trainings and the trainings will be open to employees and students. The training will contain information on how to use naloxone and fentanyl test strips, signs of an overdose, proper overdose response, information on UC's amnesty policy under the Student Code of Conduct, and various community resources.

Individuals who complete the training ("Trained Individuals") will be given the opportunity to acquire naloxone and fentanyl test strips from the Student Wellness Center at the conclusion of the training session.

Any Trained Individual who completes the Student Wellness Center's one-hour training will be able to request additional naloxone or fentanyl test strips from the Student Wellness Center on an as needed basis without needing to undergo additional training.

### ***Documentation:***

Every time naloxone or fentanyl test strips are distributed, the Trained Individual must complete a product distribution form. The product distribution form will request demographic information for the Trained Individual, as well as the quantity and type of product distributed. The completed product distribution form will be maintained by the Student Wellness Center.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE: NALOXBOXES**

UC will provide public access to naloxone for the purpose of aiding, or assisting in the aid of, any person(s) who may be suffering from an apparent opioid overdose.

### ***Installation:***

NaloxBoxes will be installed in various buildings around campus and will be securely fastened to a permanent structure. If a NaloxBox is not securely fastened to a permanent structure, it must be of a size and weight to reasonably prevent it from being moved.

### ***Contents of NaloxBox:***

- Bilingual instructions (tear-away cards) for administering intranasal naloxone that include specific instructions to call 9-1-1.
- Two doses of intranasal naloxone.
- One rescue breathing barrier device with gloves and alcohol.
- Instructions for maintenance and contact information for replacement of naloxone.

### ***Storage:***

The naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's or distributor's instructions. The naloxone will also be maintained in its original manufacturer's packaging with the manufacturer's instructions for use.

***Inspections:***

UC's Student Wellness Center will inspect the installed NaloxBoxes at least monthly and after every known use. The inspection will include the following:

- Each unit is securely fastened to a permanent structure and in good working order.
- The naloxone is unopened, not damaged, and not expired.
- Rescue breathing barrier device, gloves, and alcohol are present.
- UC's Department of Public Safety's contact information, along with signs of an opioid overdose, are listed on the box.
- Instructions for use are present.
- The unit safety seal is functional.
- Naloxone is stored in accordance with manufacturer instructions.