

Students

Naloxone Use and Procedures

Purpose: Springfield Platteview Community School (SPCS) District wishes to prevent opiate related overdose deaths by making Naloxone, a medication designed to rapidly reverse the effects of an opiate overdose, available within the school district. SPCS, in accordance with Nebraska state law and the Naloxone Standing Order issued by the Nebraska DHHS, Division of Public Health, the board will permit the school nurse, emergency response team, trained school staff, or other individuals qualified by law to administer naloxone to any person at school or a school event displaying symptoms of an opioid overdose. Nothing within this policy is intended to regulate, restrict or deter a law enforcement office, school resource office, emergency medical technician, volunteer firefighter, licensed medical profession or other authorized individual from administering Naloxone during an emergency event on district property.

Guidelines:

Standing Order: The Director of Special Services or District RN, will be responsible for making sure that the Naloxone Standing Order issued by the Nebraska DHHS, Division of Public Health, is printed off and in the emergency bags in the health office at each school's health office.

The standing order will authorize SPCS to obtain, store and administer Naloxone in compliance with policy.

Training: Before any school district employee is able to administer Naloxone under this policy, the employee must complete the SPCS training program for Naloxone Administration. This training will be required for all members for the Emergency Response Team. Other staff members may complete the training at the discretion of individual school administrators.

Storage: Naloxone shall be safely stored in the school nurse office and kept in the medication storage kit within the emergency bag. Keeping Naloxone in the emergency bags will assure that it is readily accessible for those trained employees responding to a suspected overdose. Health staff will monitor inventory, expiration dates and assure that medication is readily available during monthly emergency supplies checks.

Administration: This protocol must be followed when administering Naloxone in response to suspected overdose:

1. The employee shall immediately ensure that someone calls 9-1-1 for emergency personnel
2. The employee shall determine if the individual is without a pulse or suffering a cardiac arrest, if the individual is not breathing or suffering from respiratory arrest and/or the individual is exhibiting signs or symptoms of a drug overdose. The employee will determine if the person requires CPR, if CPR is not needed the employee will look for signs of drug overdose and if available, talk to those who may know if the individual took any medications.
3. Consistent with the employee's observations and training, administer Naloxone to the individual suspected of having a drug overdose and administer CPR as needed.
4. Continue to observe the individual suspected of drug overdose until emergency medical service personnel arrive on scene.
5. Be prepared to provide information to emergency medical services information regarding the individual's circumstances (eg. who you found individual, what you observed, what time you gave Naloxone)
6. If not already aware, notify the building principal of the facts and circumstances surrounding the event.

Indemnification: SPCS will indemnify and hold harmless any employee who administers Naloxone in good faith to an individual experiencing a suspected drug overdose if the following conditions apply:

1. The employee did not act with intent to harm or act with reckless indifference to a substantial risk/harm of administering Naloxone
2. The employee successfully completed Naloxone training
3. The employee promptly sought medical assistance before or immediately after administering Naloxone
4. The employee administered Naloxone in performance of his/her duties as an employee or approved volunteer of SPCS.

Nothing in this policy is intended to regulate, restrict or otherwise deter a law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, licensed medical professional or other authorized individual from administering his/her own supply of Naloxone when responding in good faith to a suspected opioid overdose occurring on SPCS property.

Parental Notification: SPCS Administration will take reasonable steps (including but not limited to the student handbook, school newsletter, official SPCS website) to notify students and their parents/guardians of this policy annually. Such notifications should encourage students to immediately report suspected drug overdose to school officials so that medical assistance can be provided.

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