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Wolf Administration Distributes 6,800 Kits of Free Naloxone

Harrisburg, PA – The Wolf Administration distributed nearly 6,800 kits of naloxone to Pennsylvanians over the two-week distribution at 95 locations across the state as Part of Stop Overdoses in Pa.: Get Help Now Week. This is the latest initiative of the administration to get help for residents suffering from the disease of opioid-use disorder.

“The life-saving medication naloxone is essential for every resident to have on hand, particularly if you have a loved one suffering from opioid-use disorder,” Governor Tom Wolf said. “We want to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have the proper tools to help fight this opioid crisis and through this opportunity for free naloxone, we are saving lives and getting those who need it most into treatment. Keeping naloxone in your home, work or even in your car can make the difference between someone getting into treatment or dying from this disease.”

Naloxone is a medication that does not harm the individual it is administered to, and [is used to reverse](#) an overdose caused by an opioid by blocking the effects of opioids on the brain. Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine issued a [standing order prescription](#) to get naloxone at a pharmacy for anyone who may need it.

“Naloxone has one function: to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system to save someone’s life,” Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. “It is impossible to get someone in to treatment who is dead. In 2018, more than 4,400 people died from a drug overdose. Every Pennsylvanian has a role to play as a potential first responder and can save a life by having naloxone on hand and using it if they come across someone who has overdosed.”

Since November 2014, more than 25,000 people have been revived with naloxone by police officers and EMS providers in Pennsylvania. A standing order, updated in July of 2019, allows firefighters and police officers to administer naloxone as part of their treatment of someone who has overdosed. First responders have access to naloxone for free through funding set aside in the 2019-2020 budget by Governor Wolf and the General Assembly.

“We are at a critical crossroads in combatting the opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania,” said Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Secretary Jen Smith. “We have a choice to accept overdoses and the disease of addiction as the new normal or to fight back. I choose to fight. We simply cannot get an individual the help they desperately need following an overdose if they are dead. I am pleased that so many Pennsylvanians used the naloxone distribution days to proactively take action to save our loved ones.”

Naloxone is carried at most pharmacies across the state year-round. Naloxone is available to many with public and private insurance at pharmacies either for free or at a low cost.

Additional information on Stop Overdoses Week and naloxone can be found on the state's website at www.pa.gov/opioids us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a total of the number of doses that were distributed by coordinating location in each county:

Facility County	Facility Name	Total Dispensed
Adams	Adams County SHC	43
Allegheny	Allegheny County Health Department	1098
Armstrong	Armstrong County SHC	18
Beaver	Beaver County SHC	58
Bedford	Bedford County SHC	9
Berks	Berks County SHC	152
Blair	Blair County SHC	19
Bradford	Bradford/Sullivan SHC	29
Bucks	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission	302
Butler	Butler County SHC	30
Cambria	Cambria County SHC	32
Cameron	Cameron County	5
Carbon	Carbon County SHC	65
Centre	Centre County SHC	15
Chester	Chester County Department of Health	740
Clarion	Clarion County SHC	4
Clearfield	Clearfield County SHC	27
Clinton	Clinton County SHC	3
Columbia	Columbia County SHC	22
Crawford	Crawford County SHC	32
Cumberland	Cumberland County SHC	48
Dauphin	Dauphin County SHC	139
Delaware	Delaware County SHC	156
Elk	Elk/Cameron County SHC	7
Erie	Blasco Library	92
Fayette	Fayette County SHC	28
Forest	Forest County SHC	1
Franklin	Franklin County SHC	37
Fulton	Fulton County SHC	5
Greene	Greene County SHC	24
Huntingdon	Huntingdon County SHC	5

Indiana	Indiana County SHC	36
Jefferson	Jefferson County SHC	5
Juniata	Juniata County SHC	4
Lackawanna	Lackawanna County SHC	45
Lancaster	Lancaster County SHC	118
Lawrence	Lawrence County SHC	37
Lebanon	Lebanon County SHC	77
Lehigh	Lehigh County SHC	74
Lehigh	Allentown City Bureau of Health	162
Luzerne	Luzerne County SHC	34
Luzerne	Wilkes-Barre City Health Department	88
Lycoming	Lycoming County SHC	62
McKean	McKean County SHC	3
Mercer	Mercer County SHC	14
Mifflin	Mifflin County SHC	8
Monroe	Monroe County SHC	60
Montgomery	Montgomery County Office of PH - Norristown Center	249
Montour	Montour County SHC	46
Northampton	Northampton County SHC	56
Northampton	Bethlehem City Bureau of Health	118
Northumberland	Northumberland County SHC	51
Perry	Perry County SHC	31
Philadelphia	Philadelphia Department of Public Health	1203
Pike	Pike County SHC	27
Potter	Potter County SHC	4
Schuylkill	Schuylkill County SHC	60
Snyder	Selinsgrove Center	24
Somerset	Somerset County SHC	24
Sullivan	Dushore Fire Dept	17
Susquehanna	Susquehanna County SHC	70
Tioga	Tioga County SHC	12
Union	Union County SHC	9
Univ. of Pennsylvania	University of Pennsylvania	472
Venango	Venango County SHC	16
Warren	Warren County SHC	21
Washington	Washington County SHC	20
Wayne	Wayne County SHC	9
Westmoreland	Westmoreland County SHC	33
Westmoreland	Monessen SHC	5
Wyoming	Wyoming County SHC	17
York	York County SHC	49
York	York City Bureau of Health	59

TOTAL:

6774