

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School

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Authority

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors, the district may obtain, maintain and administer doses of an opioid antagonist and other facilities, specifically Naloxone, for emergency use to assist a student, staff member or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

Definitions

Drug overdose - shall mean an acute medical condition, including, but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania, hysteria or death, which is the result of consumption or use of one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction. An individual's condition may be deemed to be a drug overdose if a person, possessing knowledge of medicine and health, would reasonably believe that the condition is in fact a drug overdose and requires immediate medical attention.

Naloxone - shall mean a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug. As a narcotic antagonist, Naloxone displaces opiates from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths.

Opioid - shall mean illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and buprenorphine.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the school nurse(s) and the school physician, shall establish appropriate internal procedures for the acquisition, stocking and administration of Naloxone and related emergency response procedures pursuant to this policy.

The school physician shall be the prescribing and supervising medical professional for the district's stocking and use of Naloxone. The Superintendent or designee shall obtain a standing order from the school physician for administration of Naloxone.

The school nurse or other authorized individual shall be responsible for building-level administration of Naloxone and management of Naloxone stocks.

Guidelines

The school nurse shall develop a plan for annually informing all parents/guardians, students and staff about this policy and specifically:

1. The availability of Naloxone to treat opioid drug overdoses and what it does;
2. The symptoms of opioid drug overdoses;
3. How students and staff should report suspected overdoses;
4. The protection from criminal prosecution provided by law for persons who report a suspected overdose using their real name and remain with the overdosing person until emergency medical services (EMS) or law enforcement arrive, as well as for the person whose overdose they report; and
5. The protection from civil liability provided by law for persons who report overdoses or administer Naloxone in overdose emergencies.

Standing Order From the School Physician

The school physician shall provide and annually renew a standing order for administration of Naloxone to students, staff members or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

The standing order shall include at least the following information:

1. Type of Naloxone (intranasal and/or auto-injector).
2. Date of issue.
3. Dosage.
4. Signature of the school physician.

The standing order shall be maintained in the department chair nurse's office, and copies of the standing order shall be kept in each location where Naloxone is stored.

Training

Before any school district employee may have custody of Naloxone or administer Naloxone under this policy, the employee must successfully complete an online Pennsylvania Department of Health training program about recognizing opioid-related overdoses, administering Naloxone and promptly seeking medical attention for drug overdoses. Evidence that such training has been completed shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

A list of school district employees who successfully complete such training shall be maintained, updated and kept in the Student Service's office and the school district administration office.

Acquisition, Storage and Disposal

Naloxone shall be safely stored in the school nurse's office or other location designated by the school nurse in accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions.

Naloxone shall be made readily accessible to those employees who have completed the required training to administer it in the event of a suspected drug overdose. All properly trained employees shall be informed of the exact location where Naloxone is being stored within the school nurse's office or other location.

The school nurse shall obtain sufficient supplies of Naloxone pursuant to the standing order in the same manner as other medical supplies acquired for the school health program. The school nurse or

designee shall regularly inventory and refresh Naloxone stocks, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with the established internal procedures, manufacturer recommendations and Department of Health Guidelines.

Administration of Naloxone

When responding to a suspected drug overdose, district employees shall follow the steps outlined below:

1. Call for medical help immediately (Dial 9-1-1).
2. Check for signs of opioid overdose.
3. Perform initial rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training.
4. Administer Naloxone, as instructed in training.
5. Continue rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training.
6. Administer second dose of Naloxone if needed, as instructed in training.
7. Place in recovery position, as instructed in training.
8. Stay with the individual until emergency medical help arrives.
9. Cooperate with EMS personnel responding to the incident.
10. Notify the building administrator or designee of the incident.

Referral to Law Enforcement and Parental Notification

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report incidents involving the use of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving use of controlled substances immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.

Referral to Student Assistance Program

Any student who experiences a drug overdose shall be referred to the district's Student Assistance Program.

Indemnification

The school district shall indemnify and hold harmless any employee who administers Naloxone in good faith to another individual experiencing a suspected drug overdose, if all of these conditions apply:

1. The employee did not act with the intent to harm or with reckless indifference to a substantial risk or harm in administering Naloxone to that individual.

2. The employee successfully completed the training contemplated by this policy.
3. The employee promptly sought additional medical assistance before or immediately after administering Naloxone.
4. The employee is administering Naloxone pursuant to this policy.

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NARCAN PROCEDURES

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School Naloxone Standing Orders and Procedures

Naloxone is indicated for reversal of opioid overdose in the setting of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness.

1. The standing order authorizes Greensburg Central Catholic to maintain supplies of nasal naloxone kits for the purposes of opioid overdose.
2. Greensburg Central Catholic PA licensed nurses, resource officer, night security, and athletic trainer shall be trained in the use of naloxone by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or other agreed to program every two years. This shall be provided in addition to CPR, AED, and injectable Epinephrine training. Nurse substitutes shall be offered the opportunity to attend the aforementioned training.
3. Naloxone shall be stored in a secure and locked location, designated and agreed upon by the school nurse and the building principal.
4. Administration of NARCAN nasal spray 4 mg: Administer nasal naloxone to a person suspected of an opioid overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness as follows:
 - a. Call 911
 - b. An administrator or their designee will be notified and attend the scene if in the school building.
 - c. Remove NARCAN nasal spray from the box and peel back the tab with the circle to open the nasal spray.
 - d. Tilt the person's head back and provide support under the neck with your hand. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into one nostril, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose.
 - e. Press the plunger firmly to give the dose of NARCAN nasal spray. Remove the NARCAN nasal spray from the nostril after giving the dose.
 - f. Remain with the person as withdrawal can be uncomfortable. Monitor breathing/pulse, and provide rescue breathing or provide CPR if needed, until the arrival of EMS. Person may be placed in the rescue position if rescue breathing not necessary.
 - g. If person does not awaken after 3 minutes, administer second dose of NARCAN.