

# Naloxone Distribution Project

## ABOUT

The Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP) is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to combat opioid overdose-related deaths throughout California.

The NDP aims to address the opioid crisis by reducing opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of naloxone.

Starting October 1, 2018, qualified organizations and entities will be able to request FREE naloxone from DHCS.



## What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that works to reverse an opioid overdose while having little to no effects on an individual if opioids are not present in their system. Naloxone blocks opioid receptor sites, reversing the toxic effects of opioid overdose.

There are different ways to administer naloxone to an individual who is experiencing an opioid overdose. DHCS is making the nasal spray version available to qualified organizations and entities for FREE.

## How to Request Naloxone:

- ✓ Access the application through the DHCS website: <https://bit.ly/2w2Vx9f>
- ✓ Submit the application electronically or by mail for a minimum of 12 units of naloxone.
- ✓ For more information, contact [DHCSMATExpansion@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSMATExpansion@dhcs.ca.gov) or visit the DHCS website: <https://bit.ly/2w2Vx9f>

## Eligibility

DHCS will provide FREE naloxone to organizations and entities eligible to administer or distribute naloxone through a California Public Health standing order, and to individuals with a valid prescription. Examples include:



- ✓ First Responders
- ✓ Emergency Medical Services
- ✓ Fire Department
- ✓ Law Enforcement, Courts, & Criminal Justice Partners
- ✓ Veteran Organizations
- ✓ Homeless Programs
- ✓ Schools and Universities
- ✓ Religious Entities
- ✓ Other