Naloxone (Narcan) Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilizations of Naloxone administered by members of the Bristol Warren Regional School District (BWRSD).

II. POLICY

Per RIGL §16-21-35 (2015-S 0154A, 2015-H 5047A), it is the policy of the BWRSD that all public elementary schools, middle schools and high schools, shall provide and maintain on-site in each school facility opioid antagonists. To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained BWRSD employee may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid- related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

III. TRAINING

a. All BWRSD employees shall be trained in the use of naloxone by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RI DOH), the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC); or a designee.

IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

- a. The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse teacher, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of naloxone. The school physician shall prepare standing orders.
- b. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RI DOH) recommends that schools provide intranasal naloxone. At minimum, each school should have the following supplies:

ITEM	MANUFACTURER	QUANTITY
Naloxone HCL 4mg/0.1ml Nasal spray	ADAPT	2
Nitrile gloves, pair	Various	1
Mask/barrier device	Various	1
Step by step instructions	Various	1

^{*}Note* As may be amended by the RI DOH

V. STORAGE

- a. Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse teacher. The school nurse teacher will ensure that all other relevant staff are aware of the naloxone storage location.
- b. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.
- **c**. Inspection of the naloxone shall be conducted annually.
 - Check the expiration date found on either box or vial;
 - Check condition of mucosal atomization devices (considered sterile for approximately 4-5 years).

VI. <u>USE OF NALOXONE</u>

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, any trained BWRSD employee shall follow the protocols outlined in the naloxone training and the instructions in the naloxone kit and call 911.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

a. After administration of naloxone, the trained BWRSD employee, will follow the Bristol Warren Regional reporting protocols.

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