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Section 9-20.11:3 Administering naloxone or other opioid antagonist. ~~Pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order issued by (1) a prescriber within the course of his professional practice; or (2) the Commissioner of Health or his designee in accordance with protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health, the following individuals after having completed a training program may possess and administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist to any person believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose:~~

- ~~(i) school nurses;~~
- ~~(ii) local health department employees that are assigned to a Suffolk Public School pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the School Board;~~
- ~~(iii) other school board employees; or~~
- ~~(iv) individuals contracted by the School Board to provide school health services.~~

Legal Authority - Virginia Code §§ 22.1-78 and 54.1-3408 (X).

Section 9-20.11:3. Administering opioid antagonists; annual inspection required; superintendent to establish regulations; training requirement. – A. A dosage of opioid antagonist may be administered to any student, faculty, or staff member who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose, by a school nurse, local health department employees that are assigned to a public school by agreement, school board employees who have completed training and are certified in the administration of an opioid antagonist for overdose reversal by a program administered or authorized by the Department of Health, other school board employees or individuals contracted by the School Board to provide school health services for overdose reversal.

B. Each school maintains a properly and safely stored supply of opioid antagonists in an amount equivalent to at least two unexpired doses, inspects its dosage at least annually, and maintains a record of (i) the date of inspection, (ii) expiration date on each dose, and (iii) the date of administration of a dose, in the event that a dose of such opioid antagonist is administered for overdose reversal to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose.

C. The superintendent establishes regulations for proper and safe storage of such opioid antagonist supply in each such school and establishes regulations for each such school to request a replacement dose of an opioid antagonist any time such dose has expired, is administered for overdose reversal, or is otherwise rendered unusable and regulations ensuring each such request is timely fulfilled.

D. Suffolk Public Schools partners with a program administered or approved by the Department of Health to provide training in opioid antagonist administration for the purpose of organizing and providing the training and certification required for an employee to administer an opioid antagonist. At least one employee in every school in the division

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- (i) is authorized by a prescriber, has been trained, and is certified in the administration of an opioid antagonist through a program administered or authorized by the Department of Health, and
- (ii) has the means to access at all times during regular school hours any opioid antagonist supply that is stored in a locked or otherwise generally inaccessible container or area within the school.

Legal Authority – Code of Virginia, §§ 22.1-274.4:1, 54.1-3408.