

PATTERSON LIBRARY

Opioid Overdose Response

To combat the continuing rise in opioid related deaths in New York State and potentially save a life, the Patterson Library has instituted an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program. This document sets forth the required policies and procedures necessary to provide and maintain intranasal (IN) naloxone on-site to ensure ready and appropriate access for the use during emergencies to any patron or staff member suspected of having an opioid overdose. The Patterson Library will partner with Arms Acres, a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program and will adhere to all requirements stipulated by the partner organization in addition to the procedures listed in this document. The library director is authorized to proceed with instituting a board-sanctioned Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

New York State Legal Framework

To combat the continuing rise in opioid related deaths in New York State, laws were recently amended to allow New York State's Public Libraries to participate in opioid overdose prevention programs by partnering with a NYSDOH Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program operated by another organization. Public Libraries who choose to participate and acting reasonably and in good faith, shall not be subject to criminal, civil or administrative liability solely by administering naloxone and may maintain IN naloxone on-site in adequate supplies. Choosing to participate permits employees who volunteer, and volunteer workers, to be trained in accordance with public health laws to administer IN naloxone without liability.

Applicable New York State Laws

- Education Law §922 & Commissioner's Regulations §136.8: permits schools districts, boards of education, charter schools, non-public schools, and public libraries to participate in opioid overdose prevention programs.
- Public Health Law §3309 **and its implementing regulation** (10NYCR §80.138): establishes opioid overdose prevention programs which allow trained individuals to administer naloxone. Under this law and regulations, administration of naloxone shall be considered first aid or emergency treatment for purposes of any statute relating to liability.

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