

Narcan In Our Schools

Schools are a common place for the public to gather for many community events, and as such, need to provide resources in the event of an emergency. Several years ago, the district installed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all of our schools in preparation for such an emergency. Today, communities and schools are faced with the potential of an additional health emergency, which is known as opioid overdose. According to research conducted by the Utah Department of Health, Violence & Injury Prevention program, Utah ranks fourth in the nation in per capita drug overdose deaths, and the state experienced a nearly 40 percent increase in prescription drug deaths from 2000 to 2014. To access the full report please view the following link:

https://www.networkforphl.org/_asset/vt1ywy/Utah-overdose-prevention.pdf

In preparation for unforeseen events relating to an opioid overdose, Southwest Behavior Health prevention specialist Ashley Heaton recently received a grant to provide Narcan to the schools. Narcan is a nasal mist that blocks or reverses the effects of opioid medications or narcotic overdose in an emergency situation. Narcan is now stored in a central location in all schools across the district.

Also, Lexie Little and Lori McGuire at Southwest Utah Public Health Department are offering free immunizations for all school required immunizations for uninsured children. If you would like to schedule an appointment for your child, please call 435-644-2537. We would like thank Southwest Public Health and Preventions for their cooperative efforts to keep our students and public safe through prevention.

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