



## **Standing Order and Naloxone for Schools Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What is the purpose of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) statewide naloxone standing order?**

The CDPH standing order was issued in 2017 by the state Public Health Officer (authorized by [California Civil Code § 1714.22](#)) to:

- 1) Allow community organizations and other entities in California that are not currently working with a physician, to distribute naloxone to a person at risk of an opioid-related overdose or to a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist; and
- 2) Allow for the administration of naloxone by a family member, friend, or other person to a person experiencing or reasonably suspected of experiencing an opioid overdose.

### **Who needs to apply for the naloxone standing order?**

Organizations that obtain naloxone without a prescription and will be administering or distributing naloxone need to apply to the naloxone standing order. Learn more about the [California statewide standing order for naloxone](#).

### **Is the standing order valid for more than one location?**

No, the standing order is only valid for the address listed on the order. If a school district has multiple locations, each campus will need to complete a standing order application to be compliant.

### **How do schools apply for the standing order?**

All non-prescribing campuses that intend to use the standing order must complete the [standing order application](#) and agree to the [terms and conditions](#) specified in the order. While applying for the standing order the individual filling out the application will need to make sure they are able to print so once the application is completed, they can print a copy of the order for their records. Ensure pop ups are enabled, as the standing order will be delivered via pop up.

CDPH does not keep a copy of the standing order applications, if the applying entity did not save a copy of the order when the application was completed, they will need to resubmit their application.

### **Does the standing order expire?**

Yes, the CDPH standing order expires two years from the signature date of the state Public Health Officer. Once the renewed order is available, CDPH will email all current applicants, to the email address listed on the application, with a courtesy notification to reapply. It is the responsibility of the organization or school to reapply.

### **Is there training required under the standing order to distribute naloxone?**

Yes, anyone who administers and/or distributes naloxone under the CDPH standing order must complete opioid overdose prevention and treatment training and provide training to individuals to whom they distribute naloxone. Minimum training requirements and a [naloxone training video](#) are included on the [CDPH Standing Order for Naloxone webpage](#).

### **What should schools do if they have any problems with applying for the standing order?**

Please direct all questions regarding the standing order to [NaloxoneStandingOrder@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:NaloxoneStandingOrder@cdph.ca.gov).

### **Will schools receive naloxone after they apply for the standing order?**

No, schools will need to either purchase naloxone independently or complete an application through the [Naloxone Distribution Project](#) (NDP) to request free naloxone kits through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

The naloxone standing order will not provide the authority to purchase naloxone. The naloxone standing order provides the authority to administer and/or distribute naloxone.

### **What is the Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP) through DHCS?**

DHCS created the NDP to combat opioid overdose-related deaths throughout California. The NDP aims to address the opioid crisis by reducing opioid overdose deaths through the provision of free naloxone.

### **How do schools apply for free naloxone through the NDP?**

Schools can complete an [NDP application](#) to request free naloxone. In addition to the application, schools must submit the following materials:

- A copy of their naloxone standing order or physician's prescription.
- A copy of a valid and active business license, FEIN number or tax-exempt letter.
- Distribution plan (for orders over 48 units)

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- Number of overdose reversals reported with naloxone received through the NDP (if the school has previously received naloxone through the NDP)

Once the application is completed, schools will submit supporting documents and the application electronically to [naloxone@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:naloxone@dhcs.ca.gov).

### **How long does it take to receive the naloxone shipment from the NDP?**

DHCS will contact applicants via email within 8-10 weeks of the date of receipt of application and confirm if the request has been approved or denied. The shipment will be mailed within four weeks of the date of approval of application.

### **What should schools do if there are issues with their naloxone shipment from the NDP?**

Direct all questions regarding the product or shipment to Emergent BioSolutions at [customerservice@adaptpharma.com](mailto:customerservice@adaptpharma.com). Direct any questions regarding the NDP application process to DHCS at [naloxone@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:naloxone@dhcs.ca.gov).

### **Additional Resources:**

- [Learn more about naloxone](#)
- [Naloxone Statewide Standing Order FAQs](#) (PDF)
- [Naloxone Distribution Project FAQs](#) (PDF)
- [Good Samaritan Law](#) Health and Safety Code § 1799.102: A person cannot be liable for any civil damages that result from his or her providing of emergency care, if:
  - the person acted in good faith, and not for compensation;
  - the person provided either emergency medical care or nonmedical care; and
  - the care was provided at the scene of an emergency.
- The [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) consolidates key resources and information to support safe, in-person learning in K-12 schools and encourage student health. New resources will be added to the Hub on a routine basis.