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## **RE: SB 234 - Opioid antagonists: schools, college campuses, stadiums, concert venues, and amusement parks**

To Dr. Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **SUPPORT IF AMENDED SB 234.**

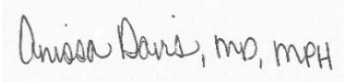
Existing law authorizes school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist, as defined, to school nurses or trained personnel who have volunteered, as provided. Existing law authorizes school nurses or trained personnel to use naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. Existing law authorizes each public and private elementary and secondary school in the state to determine whether or not to make emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist and trained personnel available at its school, as provided. This bill would require each public and elementary and secondary school in the state, including charter schools, to always maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist on its school site, and to ensure that at least 2 employees are aware of the location of the naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist.

For these reasons, CCLHO recommends a SUPPORT IF AMENDED position for SB 234 with the following amendment with an additional recommendation –

- 1) Remove all references to physician or supervising physician as Naloxone is now available over the counter without physician authorization.  
Recommendation – Increase the settings in which Naloxone will be available for use.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anissa Davis, MD, MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

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President, California Conference of Local Health Officers