

COVID-19: Guidance for Law Enforcement on Using Naloxone for Suspected Opioid Overdose

If person is suspected of experiencing opioid overdose and not breathing normally, administer naloxone immediately and call EMS

1. Law enforcement should wear mask, gloves and eye protection before administering naloxone.
2. When using naloxone nasal spray, ensure that you have a tight seal of the spray bottle into the nostril to avoid “blow back.”
3. Step back quickly after administering naloxone to avoid coughs and sneezes from nasal spray.
4. Check for return to normal breathing.
5. If person is still not breathing, administer another dose of naloxone after 2-5 minutes.
6. Monitor person until EMS arrives.

**If agencies decide not to use the nasal spray provided by the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), please distribute to community members or return to UDOH for redistribution.*

For local assistance or to obtain naloxone:

Utah Department of Health – Overdose Prevention Program: <https://naloxone.utah.gov/>

Utah Naloxone: <http://www.utahnaloxone.org/>

For information on responding to an opioid overdose, please visit:

<https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/five-essential-steps-for-first-responders.pdf>

COVID-19 info line: 385-273-7878

KEY STEPS TO ADMINISTERING NARCAN® NASAL SPRAY:*

PEEL



Peel back the package to remove the device. Hold the device with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and 2 fingers on the nozzle.

PLACE



Place and hold the tip of the nozzle in either nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the patient's nose.

PRESS



Press the plunger firmly to release the dose into the patient's nose.