



To: Institutions of Higher Education
From: Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Department of Human Services Webinar on Naloxone Distribution to Institutions of Higher Education

OSHE would like to thank institutions for attending the January 20th webinar on Naloxone distribution to colleges and universities, hosted by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS).

DHS has acquired large quantities of the opioid overdose reversal agent Naloxone and is looking to distribute Naloxone kits to institutions of higher education, as well as provide the associated training / resources for the administration of Naloxone.

Please see a PDF of the presentation shared during the webinar attached. Additionally, the online portal for DHS's Naloxone Distribution Program can be accessed here: <https://dmhas.dhs.state.nj.us/NDP>. At this time, registration is only available for campus libraries and police departments.

Using the insights shared by institutions last week, OSHE is working with DHS to develop a methodology for distributing the Naloxone kits and will follow up with additional information.

Please reach out to Naloxone@dhs.nj.gov with any questions.

Naloxone Saturation Activities

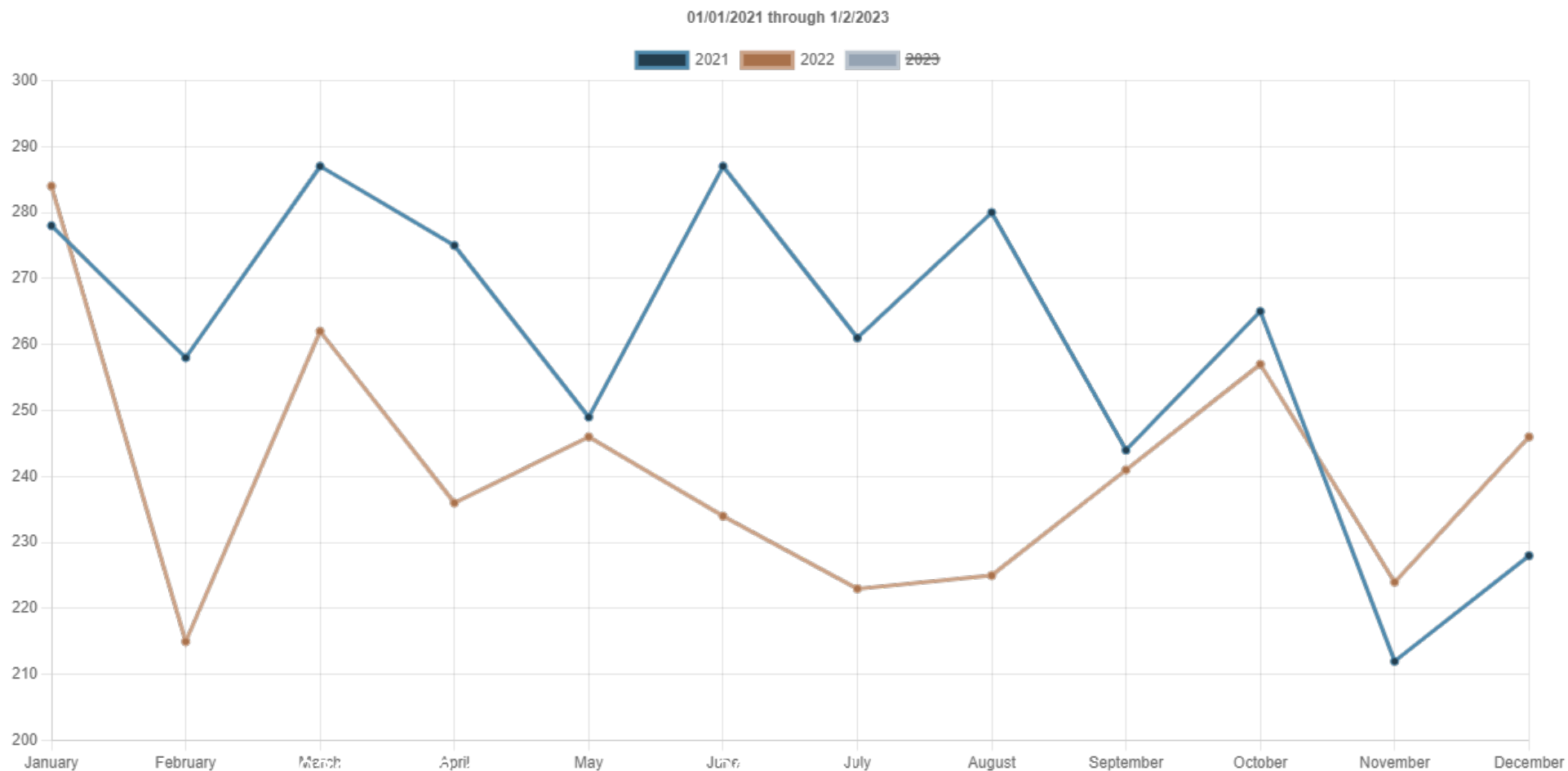
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Prevalence of Opioid Overdose in NJ



NJ Statute Change

NJ passed law in July 2021* that increased accessibility of naloxone

- Expanded definition of health care practitioner who can prescribe or dispense naloxone
- Added law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, public transportation hubs, schools of higher education, public libraries enabling these entities, or individuals within these entities, to administer and distribute naloxone. Previously, a narrowly defined group of entities (working in the behavioral health field) outside of those who have dispensing in their scope of practice were able to distribute). This includes law enforcement and emergency medical personnel who could administer but not dispense naloxone.
- The new law enables any person to obtain, administer and distribute opioid antidote to others in a private or professional capacity.
- The law requires that certain entities “leave behind” naloxone to individuals once treated for an opioid overdose.



*P.L. 2021, Chapter 152.

Naloxone Distribution

Prior to 2022

Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP) and Opioid Overdose Prevention Network (OOPN)

- Both initiatives provide training statewide regarding signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, rescue response and use of naloxone.
- OOPP provides training to individuals OOPN provides training to organizations



One-time distribution events to EMS, LE, Pharmacies

- EMS and LE were only able to use naloxone to administer
- Some did not have budgets to maintain a supply of naloxone
- Pharmacy distribution was available statewide and enabled individuals to receive it free and anonymously



2022 forward

- **All previous initiatives continue**
- **Developed Naloxone Distribution Program – Online Portal**
 - Online portal for first responders and not-for-profit service agencies are able to ensure ample supply for administration and leave-behind program
 - Approved organizations receive naloxone shipped from manufacturer
 - Participant organizations include:

- Law Enforcement
- Local health department
- County prosecutors
- Family support agencies
- EMTs
- Mobile Outreach Vehicles
- Mental health agencies
- Special events (minor league baseball games, college health fairs, EMS conference)
- Reentry agencies
- Shelters
- Libraries
- Harm Reduction agencies
- SUD agencies

New Initiative

Naloxone 365



Pharmacy-based initiative
Naloxone (2 dose, 4mg intranasal spray) will be available in pharmacies across the state.



Pharmacies will purchase naloxone through their network of medication distributors



Pharmacies provide recipient with information and resources about the disease of addiction, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery services



Pharmacists will provide naloxone to individuals over the age of 14.
Verbal confirmation is sufficient.
Anonymity is cornerstone of initiative.



Once naloxone is dispensed, pharmacy bills special code through NJMMIS to receive reimbursement at the current Medicaid rate

Distribution on college and university campuses

- Outreach to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for conversation with presidents and chancellors of 2 year, 4 year private and public colleges and universities
- Today we want to get your input regarding how to best approximate the number of kits needed per institution (e.g., kit availability in dormitories, places where students congregate, health centers), where to store naloxone, consideration of number of overdose deaths on campus.
- Once parameters are set, you will be invited to apply through the naloxone portal

Thank you!

Questions?

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