

Kane County Expands Access to Life-Saving Naloxone with Community Dispensing Boxes

The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has partnered with community organizations across the county over the past year to install publicly accessible naloxone dispensing boxes, making the life-saving medication easier for residents to obtain quickly and discreetly.

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. In Illinois, it is available without a prescription, and individuals do not need to show identification to receive it. Making naloxone widely available is a key strategy in preventing overdose deaths and ensuring that community members can respond immediately in an emergency.

Naloxone is extremely safe and will not harm someone who has not taken opioids. Health experts often note that it is as safe as water, which means it should be used if someone appears to be experiencing an overdose even if you are not certain opioids are involved.

Over the past year, KCHD worked with healthcare providers, community organizations, libraries, and government agencies to install naloxone dispensing boxes at the following locations:

Aurora

- Association for Individual Development — 1230 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
- Association for Individual Development — 309 W New Indian Trail Ct, Aurora, IL 60506
- Aurora Public Library — 101 S River St, Aurora, IL 60506
- Gateway Foundation — 400 Mercy Ln, Aurora, IL 60506
- Mutual Ground — 418 Oak Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
- Mutual Ground Substance Use Services — 120 Gale St, Aurora, IL 60506
- Rush Copley Medical Center — 2000 Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL 60504
- Aurora Transportation Center — 233 N Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505

- Community Health Partnership of Illinois — 157 S Lincoln Ave, Suite C, Aurora, IL 60505
- The START Program — 550 2nd Ave, Aurora, IL 60505
- Mercy Medical Center — 1325 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
- Prime Healthcare Mercy Medical Behavioral Health — 1330 N Lake St, Aurora, IL 60506
- Aurora Court Services — 1330 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
- Waubonsee Community College Aurora Downtown Campus Library — 18 S River St, Aurora, IL 60506

Elgin

- Association for Individual Development — 1135 Bowes Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
- Community Crisis Center – Food Distribution Center — 37 S Geneva St, Elgin, IL 60120
- Advocate Sherman Hospital — 1425 N Randall Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
- Ecker Center for Behavioral Health — 1845 Grandstand Pl, Elgin, IL 60123
- Elgin Court Services — 113 S Grove Ave, Elgin, IL 60120
- Kane County Health Department – Elgin Office — 2170 Point Blvd, Elgin, IL 60123
- AID Supported Living — 691 S State St, Elgin, IL 60123

St. Charles

- Tri Cities Court Services — 37W777 Rt 38, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL 60175

Sugar Grove

- Waubonsee Community College Todd Library — Route 47 & Waubonsee Dr, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

In addition to these naloxone dispensing boxes, more than 100 additional locations across Kane County provide free naloxone to the public. Residents can find a complete list of distribution sites including pharmacies, treatment providers, community organizations, and public agencies on the Kane County Health Department website: overdoseinfo.org

Anyone can carry and administer naloxone. If your organization is interested in hosting a naloxone dispensing box or becoming a distribution partner, please contact the Kane County Health Department at phdopioidinfo@kanecountyil.gov.