

Media Release

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Kane County Health Department Recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day with Free Training for Kane County Residents on How to Recognize an Overdose and Administer Naloxone

On August 31, International Overdose Awareness Day, the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) remembers lives lost and stands with those still grieving, while continuing the fight to prevent overdose through education, counseling and lifesaving resources.

“Overdose Awareness Day is a very personal occasion and one that is shared by many across our community. This is a day when many people pause to remember their loved one who lost their life to substance use,” said Michael Isaacson, KCHD Executive Director. “In addition to remembering loved ones we have lost, it is also a day to remind everyone that they have the power to save a life in the future by recognizing signs, knowing the resources available and carrying life-saving naloxone.”

Naloxone is a life-saving, easy-to-use nasal medication that reverses opioid overdoses, like fentanyl, morphine and oxycodone. In 2024, naloxone was used more than 50 times to save a life in Kane County. All residents are invited to attend a free, in-person naloxone training to learn how to recognize an opioid overdose, how to administer naloxone to save a life and receive a free naloxone kit.

- August 31st (International Overdose Awareness Day)
- Kane County Health Department, 1240 N. Highland Ave, Aurora, IL
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.
- No registration required

Residents who need support for substance use issues can:

- Visit overdoseinfo.org to learn more about opioids, stories from families, warning signs, resources and more.
- Naloxone is available for free throughout the county at local libraries, police departments, campuses, gas stations and more. [Explore the full map.](#)
- [Kane County's Buprenorphine Prescribers Directory](#) makes it easier for residents to find doctors who can help with Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) for opioid use.
- Contact Illinois' 24/7 Helpline for substance use at 833-234-6343 or text “HELP” to 833234.
- Residents who need help finding care for themselves or loved ones can connect with Kane County's information and referral specialist, Toni Garcia at garcia_toni@kanecountyil.gov or 331-312-0060.