

# TAKE HOME NALOXONE SITE RESOURCE

The BC Centre for Disease and Control (BCCDC) Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program was developed in 2012 to provide life-saving training and naloxone kits to people at risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid overdose.

## Take Home Naloxone Kit

Each Take Home Naloxone Kit Includes:

- 3 x Naloxone, 0.4 mg/mL, 1 mL ampoule in capped and labelled amber medication bottle
- 3 x Vanish Point® 3 mL syringe
- 3 x Alcohol Prep Pad
- 1 x pair of non-latex gloves
- 1 x Individual breathing mask in pouch
- 1 x SAVE ME Steps instructional sticker
- 1 x Overdose Administration Form\*
- External label with expiry dates and kit contents list



*\*The overdose administration form is included inside every THN kit. The completion of these forms provides valuable information to the BCCDC which helps to inform our program. Please encourage or support clients to complete this form if a kit has been reported as 'used'.*

## Eligibility

The BCCDC THN program aims to provide low-barrier access to naloxone kits for individuals. Kits are available, at no cost, to:

- Individuals at risk of an opioid overdose
- Individuals likely to witness and respond to an overdose such as a family or friend of someone at risk

## Out of scope

The BCCDC THN kits are **not** intended for occupational use and should not be provided when the naloxone is intended for:

- Health Care employees
  - Health care employees seeking naloxone for occupational use in the workplace. Staff should speak to their employer or regional Health Authority [Harm Reduction Coordinator](#) for procurement
- Occupational health & safety purposes

- Both intranasal and injectable formulations and supplies can be purchased from a community pharmacy
- Use by private business or other “for profit” locations
  - The BCCDC THN kits are not currently available for private businesses, however, both intranasal and injectable formulations and supplies can be purchased from a community pharmacy

Not-for-profit community organizations that work directly with clients at risk of opioid overdose may be eligible to participate in our [Facility Overdose Response Box \(FORB\) program](#).

## **Training**

For individuals seeking a kit, staff are encouraged to provide training and support the person to demonstrate the competencies.

An online, self-guided training app has been developed assist with training in busy settings. This resource is available at [www.naloxonetraining.com](http://www.naloxonetraining.com).

Training Supplies, including Vanish Point® 3 mL syringes, training ampoules and plastic ampoulebreakers may be ordered using the standard [Supply Order Form](#).

Additional training resources are listed below and at the end of this document.

- [Save Me Steps to Save a Life](#)
  - 08:09 minutes
  - This video describes the signs of opioid poisoning (overdose) and explains how to respond with naloxone
- [Naloxone 101 Course](#)
- [Naloxone Training Manual](#)
- [Training Competencies Checklist](#)

## **Site Types**

- **Independent** sites order and receive kits/supplies for their site only.
- **Primary Site** sites order and receive kits/supplies on behalf of their own site, as well as ‘Satellite’ sites which are typically nearby.
  - Primary Sites:
    - Must submit an application to the BCCDC using the [New Site Registration Form](#)
    - Must advise how many kits were transferred to which satellite site using the [Kit Transfer Record](#)
- **Satellite** sites pick up kits from nearby Primary sites. Satellite sites do not order directly from the BCCDC.
  - Satellite sites:
    - Must submit an application to the BCCDC using the [Satellite Site Registration Form](#)
    - Must provide Primary Sites with adequate notice to order and receive supplies on their behalf
  - Must submit their own [administration records](#) directly to the BCCDC

## **Ordering**

Independent and Primary use the latest [THN order form](#) orders to replenish kits and supplies. Orders may be faxed to 604-707-2516 or emailed to [naloxone@bccdc.ca](mailto:naloxone@bccdc.ca) The weekly order cut-off is 11:59 pm (end-of-day) every Wednesday. Orders received after this time will be processed the following week on a Thursday. Please allow 10 business days for delivery and plan ahead to avoid shortages.

Wallet cards that provide information on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA) are available for ordering in batches of 50. We recommend ordering the wallet cards to provide in THN kits when given out and they can also be provided as a loose supply. For more information on the GSDOA visit here [Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act](#)

## **Contact Information**

Please ensure the THN program is informed of changes to contact information at your site to avoid the requisition form from not being processed (e-mail: [naloxone@bccdc.ca](mailto:naloxone@bccdc.ca) for any site updates).

## **Distributing and Reporting**

**Reporting:** distribution data is an important way to evaluate the THN program. Sites will be contacted on an annual basis to complete a survey on the total number of kits given out over a two week period. Sites will receive an invitation to participate with detailed instructions on how to report.

[Overdose Response Information Form](#) (help client complete after they use a kit) this can be emailed to [naloxone@bccdc.ca](mailto:naloxone@bccdc.ca) or faxed to 604-707-2516

While typically a single kit is provided to an individual, site staff may use their discretion and provide additional kits to those who may be at higher risk. Examples might include individuals who live in rural and remote areas where first response times are lengthy, or those collecting kits on behalf of others at risk.

## **Additional Resources for Sites**

[www.towardtheheart.com](http://www.towardtheheart.com)

The BC Take Home Naloxone program provides extensive resources for site participating in the THN program, for health professional and for individuals at risk.

### **Sites Forms and Updates**

This section of the Toward the Heart website is intended specifically for registered Take Home Naloxone sites. Please refer to this section of the website for important program updates and to access all program documents including the supply order form.

### **Informational Resources**

This section of the Toward the Heart website houses information for site staff and health professionals including information sheets, best practice guidelines, policies and procedures

### **Training and Resources**

This section of the Toward the Heart website includes a training manual, teaching materials, videos, and posters which can be downloaded by your site.

### **THN Site Finder**

The Site Finder is a search tool that shows all publically listed Take Home Naloxone, Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention sites in British Columbia.

### **Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act Poster (Print-Ready)**

Refer to the Training Manual to learn more about the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act. Wallet cards are available for ordering through the program to provide with THN kits.

### **Alerts for People Who Use Substances**

This page contains important information about staying safe. Use this page for the latest on signing up for Toxic Drug and Public Health Alerts, as well as accessing overdose prevention and drug checking services in BC

### **SAVE ME Steps**

Steps on how to respond to an opioid poisoning