

Help Expand Access to Naloxone in San Mateo County!

Receive a **FREE** Naloxone Stand Box (NSB) to distribute public-access naloxone at your organization!

- Install the NSB in a publicly accessible area within your organization
- Fill up the NSB with free naloxone for community members to take and carry with them
- Instructions for use are included on the NSB.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is naloxone and why should we distribute it?

- Naloxone is a life-saving medication that is effective in preventing death by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose.
- Naloxone is available in multiple formulations, and this program will distribute nasal spray naloxone. By increasing access to naloxone through public-access distribution, we can help save lives!

Is naloxone safe to use and distribute?

- Yes! The naloxone nasal spray is safe and easy for bystanders to administer in the setting of a possible drug overdose. Naloxone will not harm someone if you give it to them, even if they are not overdosing on an opioid. Naloxone can be given safely to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. This includes an adolescent or young adult who may have unintentionally taken an opioid.

What's a Naloxone Stand Box (NSB)?

- A NSB is a naloxone distribution unit that holds 60-74 boxes of intranasal naloxone for public distribution. NSBs are placed in public locations that community members can access without needing any prior affiliation to an organization or program. NSBs are self-service and unlocked so that anyone can open the unit and take naloxone with them to use as a harm reduction tool.

How much does this cost?

- We provide the NSB to your organization free of charge, including shipping to your specified location. Your organization is responsible for obtaining naloxone to fill and restock the NSB, which is also free.

Will you provide naloxone to fill up the NSB?

- No. Your organization is responsible for obtaining naloxone and keeping the NSB stocked. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provides free naloxone to eligible entities through the Naloxone Distribution Project. If your organization is not eligible, we will work with you ahead of time to identify a plan for obtaining and restocking naloxone. The NSB has the capacity to hold 60-74 boxes of Naloxone.

How much space do I need?

- The size of the NSB is equivalent to the size of a newspaper stand. The NSB weighs 30 lbs., with the following dimensions: External: 16" wide x 15" deep x 40" tall. Internal: 14" wide x 12.5" deep x 14" Tall with a hollow base for adding sandbags. Smaller sizes are available upon request.

Are the NSBs weather resistant?

- Yes, the NSBs are weather resistant. However, naloxone nasal spray should be stored at temperatures below 77° F and protected from light. The NSB can be placed inside or outside (in a cool and shaded location).

How do I secure the NSB?

- The NSB can be secured either with a sand ballast kit or with a security cable to attach to a pole or other permanent structure. On the application, please specify if you wish to receive a sand ballast kit or a security cable.

Who is eligible to apply for a free NSB?

- Any organization with a location in San Mateo County can apply. You must have the authority to receive a shipment and install the NSB at the requested location. In the application, you will need to provide written authorization from the property owner or lease agent that states that the NSB can be on property. The name, title, address, and contact number of the authorized approver must be included in the letter. We will review applications and select locations based on availability and prioritization criteria, including but not limited to location on overdose heatmap, ability to reach priority populations, public accessibility, visibility, and traffic level.

Our organization has multiple locations. Could we obtain multiple NSBs?

- Yes, please fill out one application form per location requested. Locations must be within San Mateo County.

What if we decide to change the location of the NSB?

- Communicate with us promptly to review the proposed location site.

What if the NSB gets damaged?

- Communicate with us promptly if the NSB is damaged or has any issues. We will work with you and our vendor to find a solution, including fixing or replacing the NSB.

What if we decide to discontinue the use of the NSB?

- Communicate with us promptly to arrange the return of the NSB.

Are we responsible for doing any training for people who take naloxone from the NSB?

- No. This public-access distribution model is meant to be a low-barrier way for community members to obtain naloxone. The NSB will display information about how to recognize signs of an opioid overdose and how to use naloxone, so that community members can receive this information without needing to interact with your staff. A naloxone training video can be viewed at: [NARCAN® Nasal Spray](#).

Are there any other requirements for this program?

- Yes. All program participants are required to submit a monthly report on the number of naloxone units restocked into the NSB and the number of opioid reversals reported to our program coordinator. A monthly email reminder will be sent on the 1st of each month. The reporting information will help us determine if we need to place additional resources in a specific area. We will also share the location of all NSBs on a public map for community members to find the location most convenient for their needs.

How can I suggest a location for an NSB?

- We are always looking for community feedback so we can improve this program. Please reach out to overdoseprevention@smcgov.org with any suggestions or questions. For new potential locations, we will need to reach out to the organization at that location to explore their interest in hosting an NSB