

WHATCOM COUNTY Health Department

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Naloxone Distribution Program 1500 N State Street, Bellingham

The Whatcom County Health Department is participating in a pilot project to distribute free *injectable* Naloxone to injection drug users, or their friends and families. Naloxone is a prescription medicine that reverses an opioid overdose. It cannot be used to get high and is not addictive.

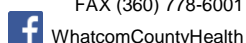
Washington State law ([RCW 69.50.315](#)) allows anyone at risk for having or witnessing a drug overdose to obtain a prescription for naloxone. Users, family members and concerned friends can all carry naloxone in the same way people with allergies are allowed to carry an epinephrine syringe ("epi-pen").

People who seek injectable Naloxone through the Whatcom County Health Department distribution project must first go through an approximately 30 minute training session that includes learning how to give the medication, calling 911, the limits of the medication, and the protection under what's known as the "Good Samaritan" law. The health department offers this training to injection drug user clients of the Syringe Services Program, or their friends and families on **Thursdays between 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm at 1500 N State Street**, no appointment necessary.

Anyone can go to a participating pharmacy and obtain *nasal* (inhaled) Naloxone for a fee; the cost may be covered by insurance. You will receive training on how to give the medication. For a list of participating pharmacies visit <http://stopoverdose.org/faq.htm>

Public entities such as police and fire qualify for a discounted price on naloxone, please contact Adam Kartman, MD at akartman@mac.com

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