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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilizations of Naloxone administered by members of the Lincoln Public Schools.

II. POLICY

Per RIGL §16-21-35, it is the policy of the Lincoln Public Schools that all public schools shall provide and maintain on-site in each school facility opioid antagonists (e.g. Narcan). To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained nurse-teacher may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

Any school nurse-teacher or other school personnel using an opioid antagonist shall be protected from both civil and criminal liability pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28.9 of Title 21 (the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act of 2016). No school nurse-teacher or other school personnel shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

III. TRAINING

Lincoln Public Schools are encouraged to provide training to staff including nurse-teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, custodians, teachers, etc.

IV. PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE

The superintendent, principal, certified school nurse teacher, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of intranasal naloxone. The school department shall ensure compliance with the school physician’s standing orders as updated annually.

At a minimum, each school shall have a quantity of two (2) Naloxone nasal spray delivery systems with step-by-step instructions, nitrile gloves, as well as a mask/barrier device for rescue breathing.

V. STORAGE

- a. Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse teacher and in accordance with manufacturer instructions.
- b. Inspection of the naloxone shall be conducted regularly, at least once a year, to review the expiration date found on either box or vial.

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VI. USE OF NALOXONE

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, school nurse teachers or other trained staff shall follow the protocols outlined in the naloxone training and the instructions in the naloxone kit.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

After administration of naloxone, the school nurse teacher, or other staff, will follow the Lincoln Public Schools reporting protocols.

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