



## Drive-up Narcan Training offered as overdose deaths rise

TROY, Mich. Feb. 18, 2021 – More than 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period, according to [recent provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) in a press release issued by the CDC.

While overdose deaths were already increasing in the months preceding the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the CDC said the latest numbers suggest an acceleration of overdose deaths during the pandemic.

To help combat this issue, the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities pivoted immediately as the pandemic hit to provide virtual Narcan training. Starting this month, the Alliance is also offering drive up training.

“We are concerned about the increase in accidental overdoses over the past year and decided we need to bring the training to where people are in the community,” said Julie Brenner, president & CEO, Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities. “We have saved at least seven lives since the pandemic began with our trainings and are here to help those who need it the most.”

### Friday Drive-up Narcan Trainings – February through April 2

On Fridays from February 2021 through Friday, April 2, the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities will be conducting **FREE** drive-up/drive-through Narcan trainings from noon to 2 p.m. at a different “host” site to meet our communities’ right where they are. Visit <http://achcmi.org/training/narcan-training-save-a-life/> to find a full list of the trainings offered (virtual and drive-up).

In less than 10 minutes, participants will receive one-on-one training on the proper administration of the Intra-nasal Narcan overdose reversal drug. Participants must be at least 14 years of age to receive a Save A Life kit which includes two doses of 4mg Nasal Narcan. Each person participating will need to fill out a short survey in order to receive the Narcan during this event.

#### **Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Oakland Community Health Network** (co-hosted by the Alliance)  
5505 Corporate Dr., Troy, Mich. Use the New King Entrance

#### **Friday, Feb. 26 – Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Barbara Merten-Debensky State Farm Insurance** (co-hosted by the Alliance)  
800 N. Old Woodward Ave., Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich., 48009

#### **March 5 – Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Welcome Missionary Baptist Church** (co-hosted by the Alliance and Clarence E. Phillips Ascend T.R.U.T.H. Youth Coalition) 143 Oneida, Pontiac, MI 48341.



### **Save A Life FREE Virtual Narcan Trainings**

The Alliance will continue to hold FREE virtual trainings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants learn how to administer Narcan in the event they are faced with saving a life during an opioid overdose emergency. The interactive one-hour class presented by a Certified Narcan and CPR Trainer from the Alliance takes one hour. A Save A Life Narcan Kit is mailed directly to participants once essential forms have been completed.

The training includes information on:

- Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose
- Quick actions to take to help save a life and reverse a potential opioid overdose
- How to easily and properly use Narcan nasal spray
- Resources sharing
- If you use your Narcan, how you can obtain a refill

Upon completion of virtual trainings, participants will have their Narcan mailed to them directly.

### **Schedule**

- Tuesday evening from 7 – 8 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/TUESDAYNARCAN>
- Thursday afternoon from Noon – 1 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/THURSDAYNARCAN>

**March 9 – 7 – 8:30 p.m.** – Free Virtual Naloxone Training co-hosted by the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Maplegrove Center, and the West Bloomfield Fire Department for a free Virtual Naloxone Training. [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bC7UotwRTHWtJdU9\\_YdGGg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bC7UotwRTHWtJdU9_YdGGg)

### **About the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities**

The Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities is a substance misuse prevention and wellness organization that supports a 21-coalition prevention partnership in Oakland County serving more than 55 local communities and provides Shatter the Stigma: Family & Recovery Support and education groups for anyone affected by substance misuse. Predominantly funded by Oakland Community Health Network, the Alliance also provides free Narcan training. The Alliance connects, strengthens, and mobilizes strategic partners to promote healthier communities. Visit [www.achcmi.org](http://www.achcmi.org) for more information. For more information, please call 248.221.7101. Follow us on social media on @allianceofcoalitions on Facebook and Instagram and @ACHCMichigan on Twitter. The Alliance recently moved to its new headquarters – 5505 Corporate Drive Suite 301, Troy, MI 48098.

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