

# Naloxone Distribution

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) is working hard to reduce overdoses in the county by distributing naloxone kits to different locations in the community.



## 5,645 Naloxone Kits

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### Top Distribution Settings for Naloxone Kits



78%

#### Local Health Departments

CCBH is a major distributor of naloxone kits, providing kits to first responders, residents, community members and local agencies and businesses and during food safety trainings.



5%

#### Law Enforcement Agencies

CCBH also provides naloxone kits to law enforcement agencies, assisting them when responding to overdose alerts and calls for services.



5%

#### Treatment and Recovery Agencies

Agencies that provide behavioral health services for individuals with opioid use disorder receive naloxone kits from CCBH.



6%

#### Street Outreach

CCBH provides naloxone kits at health fairs, local community events and Overdose Awareness Day events to reach people who may not interact with other programs to receive naloxone.

As part of their naloxone training with service providers, CCBH asks providers to complete a short survey, gathering insight into their perceptions of overdose prevention services.



#### Have you ever overdosed or witnessed an overdose?

Of those participating in the survey, only 10% answered yes (n=76). The majority of the participants responded "no", declined to answer or were not asked (90%, n=671).



#### When asked their opinion about substance use disorder...

The majority of participants did not answer the question (52%, n=336). For those responding, 24% believed it was a brain disease (n=156), 12% believed it was a choice (n=75) and the remaining 11% selected other or more than one choice (n=74).



#### Benefits of overdose prevention services, including fentanyl test strips and Narcan

The majority of the participants believed these overdose prevention services were helpful for people with SUD (47%, n=303). A small percent of participants (2%, n=13) found them not helpful and the others (51%, n=325) did not answer.



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