



Dear School District (Superintendent, Principals, Medical Advisers or School Nurses),

Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Departments of Health, Education, State, and Drug and Alcohol Programs recently announced a statewide partnership with Adapt Pharma to provide a free, two dose carton of NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray to all public Pennsylvania high schools. As you well know, there is a growing risk of opioid overdose among high school students. NARCAN Nasal Spray is easy to administer and can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, potentially saving a student's life.

According to recent CDC research, almost one in four teens nationwide reported abusing or misusing a prescription drug at least once. Sixteen percent reported doing so within the past year. Pennsylvania's Departments of Education, Health, State, and Drug and Alcohol Programs are collaborating closely with Adapt Pharma Limited to coordinate this effort and ensure Student lives can be saved.

Pennsylvania is the first state to participate in this nationwide program sponsored by Adapt Pharma in partnership with the Clinton Health Matters Initiative. As part of this program, public high schools in Pennsylvania will also have access to new educational materials and training developed by the National Association of School Nurses.

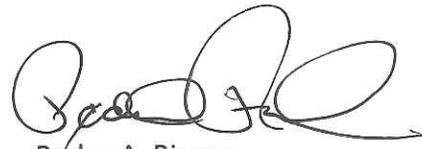
Many school districts across the Commonwealth have already equipped their school nurses and other trained school personnel with this life-saving medication. While not required, these actions demonstrate a significant – and commendable – commitment to the health and well-being of students and all Pennsylvanians. We are requesting that all school districts review their board policies, protocol and procedures and allow the emergency administration of naloxone. Last year, a standing order for Naloxone was signed by Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine allowing all Pennsylvanians to acquire and administer Naloxone in an overdose emergency. We also strongly encourage that medical advisers to school districts review and update any existing standing orders they might have in order to permit school nurses to administer this medication that can be life-saving in a medical emergency.

Program details will be forthcoming about how public high schools in Pennsylvania can receive a free, two-dose carton of NARCAN from Adapt Pharm. In the meantime, if you have questions or need other assistance regarding this critical issue, the Departments stand willing to help.

Sincerely,



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