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## UNIVERSITY POLICY

Date Effective: January 1, 2020

# OPIOID ANTAGONIST POLICY

## INTRODUCTION

This institutional policy governs the use and availability of opioid antagonists (specifically intranasal Naloxone) consistent with P.A.19-191.

## DEFINITIONS

**Drug Intoxication/overdose** - impaired mental or physical functioning as a result of the use of physiological and/or psychoactive substances, i.e.: euphoria, dysphoria, apathy, sedation, attention impairment.

**EMS (“Emergency Medical Services”)** – services provide pre-hospital emergency medical care such practitioners provide out of hospital care for those with illnesses or injury.

**Intranasal Naloxone (i.e. Narcan)** - an opiate receptor antagonist and antidote for opiate overdose produced in intranasal form.

**Opioid Antagonist** – For the purpose of this policy, the University often uses Naloxone (i.e. Narcan) as an opioid antagonist.

## POLICY STATEMENT

The University will take the following steps with respect to the administration and storage of opioid antagonists, including without limitation intranasal Naloxone:

### Designated Medical & Public Safety Professionals

The University designates Public Safety Officer Patrick Cleary and the Director of the Student Health Center Julia Duffy to oversee the purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists on campus in their respective departments.

### **Location of Opioid Antagonists (e.g. Narcan)**

Opioid antagonists are stored in three places: (1) the Office of Public Safety (available 24/7), the Student Health Center (open to students Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.), and (3) in the University’s Public Safety vehicles (available 24/7). By virtue of this Policy, the University community (including its students and employees) are informed of these locations.

### **Notice of Policy**

The Fairfield University Opioid Antagonist policy will be posted on the University website under the Department of Public Safety’s and the Health Center’s links.

### **Maintenance and Administration of Opioid Antagonists (e.g. Narcan)**

The University maintains opioid antagonists in accordance with manufacturer’s guidelines. For example, Narcan shall be kept out of direct light and stored at room temperature (between 59 degrees and 86 degrees Fahrenheit). Authorized individuals will routinely inspect Narcan kits for defects or expired product.

With respect to Narcan administration, authorized Public Safety and Health Center personnel are properly trained and follow Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) guidelines.

### **Contacting Local Emergency Medical Services**

Authorized Public Safety and Student Health Center personnel shall call 911 or notify local emergency medical services provider prior to, during, or as soon as practicable after each use of an opioid antagonist on the University’s campus.

## **MANAGEMENT OF POLICY**

**Responsible University Administrator:** Director of Public Safety Todd Pelazza

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