

Accessing Naloxone in Manitoba

There are 3 primary ways to access Naloxone in Manitoba: The Provincial Free Take Home Naloxone Program, Individual Pharmacies, and St Johns Ambulance.

1. Provincial Free Take Home Naloxone Program

The Provincial Free Take Home Naloxone Program provides Naloxone to distribution sites. It is funded and run by the provincial government.

Organizational Access:

Organizations can apply to become distribution sites by signing up on the provincial website. Not all applications to become distribution sites are approved: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fentanyl/service-providers.html>

Once approved, organizations can order and distribute Naloxone within the [guidelines](#) of the provincial program. The program does not specifically provide Naloxone for use by organizations to treat overdoses.

Individual Access:

Individuals who use drugs or spend time with people who do can access two free kits at a time from a distribution site registered with Provincial Free Take Home Naloxone Program. An interactive map of all distribution sites can be found here: <https://www.manitoba.ca/health/publichealth/naloxone-finder.html>

2. Pharmacy Access

Organizational Access:

Some pharmacies will sell Naloxone kits to organizations. Contact your local pharmacy directly for more information. Price varies from approx 20\$ for intramuscular (injection) to 150\$ for nasal.

Individual Access:

Some pharmacies are registered distribution sites for the Provincial Free Take Home Naloxone Program listed above, and others can provide Naloxone as purchased or covered by health insurance.

Naloxone (including intranasal form) is also available for free for First Nations and Inuit clients covered by the Federal [Non-Insured Health Benefits Program](#) to

a maximum of 2 kits per day depending on availability. Some pharmacies are misinformed and believe clients require a prescription which is not the case. As noted, a pharmacist's recommendation of eligibility is enough to receive a kit. Pharmacists can be directed here for more information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2018/04/naloxone-nasal-spray-now-available-to-first-nations-and-inuit-through-non-insured-health-benefits-program.html>

3. St Johns Ambulance

Organizational and Individual Access

Both organizations and individuals can access training and naloxone through St Johns Ambulance: <https://reactandreverse.ca/>

Following training individuals and organizations can select to receive Naloxone mailed direct to their address on a one time basis.

Online Resource

For videos and training on the use of Naloxone check out <https://towardtheheart.com/>
MHRN Training <https://mhrn.ca/community-projects>

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