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**SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO HOLD FREE NARCAN TRAINING &
DISTRIBUTION IN CLIFTON PARK**

CLIFTON PARK, NY – The Saratoga County Department of Health will hold a free Narcan training and distribution event on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 5:30PM to 6:30PM at Clifton Park Town Center Park. This distribution event is in partnership with the Town of Clifton Park and will take place during the town's Winterfest, Park at Dark.

Participants will learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer nasal Narcan, which takes approximately 15 minutes. Participants will receive a free Narcan rescue kit, which includes two doses of Narcan, a rescue breathing face shield, a certificate of training, and addiction resource information.

Naloxone, sold under the brand name Narcan, is a safe medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. It only works on opioids, such as heroin, prescription pain medications and fentanyl, but it is safe to use even if opioids are not present. 911 should also be called after using naloxone. New York State's Good Samaritan Law allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they are having a drug overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

Residents who are unable to attend the distribution can register to obtain an overdose rescue kit at www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan.

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