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SARATOGA COUNTY TO HOLD FREE NARCAN TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION IN SARATOGA SPRINGS SATURDAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY – Saratoga County will hold a free drive-through Narcan training and distribution event on Saturday, March 25th, from 9am-12pm at Geyser Road Elementary School in the City of Saratoga Springs (61 Geyser Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866).

If there is inclement weather the event will be held in the school's cafeteria.

This distribution event is in partnership with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Saratoga County Department of Health, Saratoga County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs Police Department, and Saratoga Springs City School District.

Participants will learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer nasal Narcan, which takes approximately 10 minutes. Participants will receive a free Narcan rescue kit, which includes two doses of Narcan, a rescue breathing face shield, a certificate of training, a drug disposal system, and a mental health and substance use disorder resource guide.

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 always be called after administering 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 and view a schedule of upcoming distribution events at www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan.

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