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SARATOGA COUNTY TO HOLD FREE NARCAN TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION IN BALLSTON SPA

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County will hold free Narcan training and distribution events **this week** at the Saratoga County Office Complex in Ballston Spa on Wednesday and Thursday and at the Public Safety Building in Ballston Spa on Friday.

Narcan Distribution Events this week:

- **TODAY**, Wednesday, April 26th from 2PM to 4PM at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa (Saratoga County Office Complex)
- Thursday, April 27th from 11AM to 3PM at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa (Saratoga County Office Complex)
- Friday, April 28th from 8:30AM to 3:30PM at 6012 County Farm Road, Ballston Spa (Saratoga County Public Safety Building)

Each drive-through distribution event will take place in the facility's parking lot. The events are in partnership with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Saratoga County Department of Health, Saratoga County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Village of Ballston Spa, and Healing Springs Recovery Community and Outreach Center.

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 upcoming distribution events at www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan.

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